

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**From: PSB Academy**

### **The New eRULE for Legislation Updates**

**Singapore, 30 June 2009** – Known as the Electronic Register Update of Legislation or ‘eRULE’ for short, PSB Academy’s newly revamped online legislation update system aims to help businesses and companies save time and hassle by providing regular updates of changes in legislation pertaining to Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) laws. PSB Academy is one of only two companies in Singapore that offers such a service.

With just a click of the mouse, companies and businesses will now be able to view a summary of legislation changes that are pertinent or may affect their businesses. They will also be able to view recommended follow-up action plans to comply with any new changes to the laws.

PSB Academy Chief Executive Officer Dr Steve Lai explained the need for businesses to be regularly informed of legislation changes, “As a leading training, learning and consultancy provider, it is our aim to help businesses grow, manage and improve their systems effectively. With the new eRULE, it is now so much easier for businesses to be informed of the latest changes in EHS laws and maintain compliance. Maintaining compliance is a key factor for good business performance and continuity as non-compliance will lead to a higher probability of accidents, resulting in penalties and increased financial disincentives which will in turn affect the reputable image of any organisation.”

To date, some 700 companies have been ISO 14001 certified while another 400 have obtained the OHSAS 18001 certification. More companies are expected to be certified in the coming years. Not limited to these companies, this new system is also applicable to a wide range of industries and personnel including hospitals, construction and manufacturing firms, legal firms, fire safety officers, consultants as well as EHS auditors who need to know the latest legislation changes.

“While maintaining compliance with EHS laws is imperative for companies who are or who wish to be OHSAS 18001 and ISO 14001 certified, it is equally essential for other stakeholders, including occupiers or the self-employed to be aware of these rules as it helps to improve the



safety culture of any work place. This is in tandem with the emphasis that the government is placing on workplace safety and health in recent years.” Dr Lai added.

This new eRULE system was officially unveiled this afternoon at the PSB Academy eRULE seminar which saw some 170 participants from various industries.

One of the speakers at the seminar, Mr Steven Koh, Deputy CEO, Armstrong Industrial Corporation Limited, was pleased with this new system –

“The use of eRULE has assisted Armstrong in meeting EHS legal requirements in an efficient manner and helps in the better utilization of our resources.”

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**What is OHSAS?**

OHSAS stands for Occupation Health and Safety Assessment Series. It comprises OHS18001 and OHS 18002. OHS 18001 is an assessment specification for an Occupational Health and Safety Management System. It was developed to help organizations meet their health and safety obligations in an efficient and effective manner. OHSAS 18002 explains the requirements of the specification, and demonstrates how to work towards implementation and registration.

**What is ISO 140001**

ISO 14000 is a series of international standards on environmental management. It provides a framework for the development of an environmental management system and the supporting audit programme. ISO 14001 is the corner stone standard of the ISO 14000 series. It specifies a framework of control for an Environmental Management System against which an organization can be certified by a third party.



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