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ISN Implements Harmonised HSE Desktop Audit Protocols in Australia

SYDNEY (19 April, 2012)— ISN is pleased to announce it has developed and implemented new Review and Verification Services (RAVS) desktop audit protocols based on recently harmonised health and safety regulations.

Since 2009, Safe Work Australia, an Australian Government statutory agency, has worked to develop a harmonised regulation that suited the needs of each jurisdiction in Australia. The Model Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act is the result of this comprehensive national review and consolidation of work health and safety laws across Australia.

In line with the harmonisation of the legislation across states and territories, ISN has developed new safety program protocols used as part of its desktop audit services. These protocols went into effect in February 2012 and replaced state-based protocols for New South Wales, Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

"We have closely followed the development of the new act and legislation over the past few years," stated Richard Cerenzio, ISN Senior Manager, RAVS. "ISN's proactive approach to implementing these changes has assured a smooth transition and due-diligence process for both Owner Clients and contractors alike. The input and feedback from clients has been valuable in finalizing our desktop audit protocols."

"The new harmonised legislation and protocols provide a simplified and consistent framework for health and safety compliance in Australia. Through ISNetworld, our clients can now access the new legislative requirements as well as additional guidance information to facilitate contractors' conformance efforts,'' stated Anthony Mirenzi, ISN Australia Safety Supervisor.

About ISN
ISN provides an online contractor management database, ISNetworld, which is designed to meet internal and governmental record keeping and compliance requirements. ISN collects health and safety, procurement, quality and regulatory information for more than 40,000 contractors and 245 Owner Clients. Through its Review and Verification Services (RAVS), ISN's subject matter experts review and verify contractors' self-reported information, incorporating a level of due diligence to the process. Contractors also use the system to manage internal training and recording keeping requirements. For more information, visit www.isn.com.

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