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*Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance*

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, October 18, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- STP and STC announce the release of its newly developed EHS audit protocol for Victoria, Australia 2021.

STP ComplianceEHS (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) announce the release of its recently updated EHS protocol for Victoria, Australia 2021. This audit protocol, which also includes relevant national EHS requirements, was previously updated in August 2019. The regulatory date for the current release is May 2021.

Leading companies around the world use EHS audit protocols to understand the scope of their EHS regulatory obligations and rapidly collect, share, archive, and export audit findings in a cost-effective manner. EHS audit protocols are prepared by STC in partnership with STP and continue to focus on those national (plus, in some cases, regional or provincial) EHS requirements that have site-specific applications for manufacturing operations. As a leading EHS management consulting firm with a global network of experienced EHS teaming partners, STC has in-depth knowledge and technical expertise of local/regional EHS requirements.

STP and STC maintain leading-edge EHS audit protocols for more than 50 jurisdictions. The protocol documents are written in English and are available in MS Word, Adobe Acrobat, and Excel formats, as well as through STP's web-based portal or can be integrated into an existing company platform. Using the protocols' custom templates and advanced functionality features, auditors can easily track audit findings and manage data over time to improve compliance, risk management, and safety performance. In addition, STP's formatting is compatible with leading risk management and sustainability platform providers.

Highlights of selected legislation covered in the newly developed protocol include:

The Environment Protection Act 1970 has been repealed and replaced by the Environment Protection Act 2017, effective 1 July 2021, and significantly amended by the Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018.

The Environment Protection Act 2017 and new Environment Protection Regulations 2021, which

both came into effect on 1 July 2021, have completely overhauled Victoria's environmental legislative framework. Significant changes made by the new legislation include the establishment of a general environmental duty (GED), which requires that all reasonably practicable steps must be taken to minimize harm to human health and the environment from pollution and waste. The new law creates a three-tiered system of permissions, makes significant changes to waste management requirements, and requires businesses to report to EPA in the event of a notifiable pollution incident. Also, persons in management or control of land must now notify the EPA as soon as practicable after becoming aware of notifiable contamination. State Environment Protection Policies (SEPPs) and Waste Management Policies (WMPs) have been revoked and replaced by new provisions under the regulation or by the GED. Notifiable Chemical Orders (NCOs) have either been revoked or transitioned to Environmentally Hazardous Substance Orders (EHSOs).

The National Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989 and the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Regulations 1990 have been repealed and replaced by a new regulatory scheme for industrial chemicals under the Industrial Chemicals Act 2019 and the Industrial Chemicals (General) Rules 2019.

The National Industrial Chemicals Act 2019 (assented to in March 2019) establishes a new regulatory scheme, the Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS), for the importation and manufacture (introduction) of industrial chemicals in Australia. The AICIS replaced the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS) on 1 July 2020. The AICIS establishes a new way of categorizing and introducing industrial chemicals that focuses the pre-introduction assessment on higher-risk chemical introductions and provides streamlined introduction pathways for lower-risk chemicals that are intended to reduce the regulatory burden for industry. It also focuses on post-introduction evaluation and monitoring to help maintain the protection of the health and safety of the public, workers, and the environment.

The National Industrial Chemicals (General) Rules 2019 (effective 1 July 2020) support the new industrial chemicals regulatory scheme established by the Industrial Chemicals Act 2019. These Rules set forth the technical and operational details and the requirements introducers must meet, including the requirement to categorize their chemicals that are not listed on the Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals.

The national Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Regulations 1995 have been updated to incorporate new rules for charging refrigeration and air conditioning equipment which came into force on 1 January 2020 to support the hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) phase-down and reduce emissions of climate-damaging HFCs. These Regulations ban charging of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment with a higher global warming potential (GWP) refrigerant than the equipment was designed to use, with an exception for refrigeration or air conditioning equipment that is essential for health or public safety purposes where the design refrigerant is not available.

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Specialty Technical Consultants, Inc. (STC) is a specialized management consulting firm that enhances environmental health and safety (EHS) performance. Through its consulting services, STC partners with clients to strengthen management systems' design and implementation and identifies needs and implements solutions to meet business objectives. Services provided include EHS compliance support, risk assessment, EHS auditing, corporate responsibility and sustainability, EHS management systems development and implementation, EHS regulatory information tools, and EHS training.

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