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Latest news:

EAM Consulting to exhibit at the Innovation Marketplace Event 2009

Taking place on June 25th 2009 at the Engine House, Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil. The event is organised by the Heads of the Valley Innovation Programme (HOVIP) – see back page for more details.

EAM Consulting website now 'live'

The website can be found at www.eamconsulting.co.uk

EAM Consulting developing overseas business opportunities

More details will be contained in the next edition of the newsletter.

A warm welcome

To this, the first of a regular quarterly newsletter issued to keep you up to date with what we at EAM Consulting are doing, as well as including other articles, FAQs and information that it is hoped you will find of use in your work environment.

We equally would like to know your views on both the content of these newsletters, and also what **you** think should be contained. If you have any thoughts, comments or ideas about anything related to this newsletter, then please feel free to contact us and let us know (contact details are on the back page of this newsletter, or alternatively you can contact us from our website – www.eamconsulting.co.uk).

We hope that you enjoy reading this inaugural issue, and we sincerely hope that we have the opportunity to both meet and do business together in the very near future.

Introducing EAM Consulting



Owner of EAM Consulting, Mark Lees

EAM Consulting was founded in May 2009 by owner and principal consultant Mark Lees (pictured left). Mark has spent his entire career working in maintenance related roles – from his days as an apprentice millwright in a heavy engineering company through to working as Engineering Manager of one of the largest fibre based product manufacturers in the UK.

Having worked in diverse hands-on and supervisory/managerial roles, Mark has a wealth of maintenance experience across several disciplines, and also has the insight to understand how maintenance 'works' from both the shop floor and managerial perspectives.

Mark's experience in industry, and dealings with many consultants and advisors highlighted a very important fact - many companies offer maintenance related consultancy services, but few offered a personal, tailored and affordable service aimed specifically at small companies.

As we state in our company brochure: 'This is what makes EAM Consulting different to the competition – we are committed to working with small companies and providing the knowledge and help needed to improve their systems, practices and productivity in all their maintenance activities'.

We aim to deliver services that are totally impartial, and meet **your** specific needs, These services can encompass a variety of areas including project management, basic health & safety advice, implementation of planned maintenance, asset and spares management, maintenance planning – the range and depth of services is large. Rest assured that you will be dealing with an industry professional with over 25 years experience in his field.

Innovation Marketplace Event 2009



This will be the third annual Innovation Marketplace Event organised by the Heads of the Valleys Innovation Programme (HOVIP).

EAM Consulting is delighted not only to be given the opportunity to attend the event as an exhibitor, but also to enter the 2009 Heads of the Valleys Innovation Awards.

The 2009 Heads of the Valleys Innovation Awards honour and acknowledge the most innovative organisations in the Heads of the Valleys region. This event is open to any business or social enterprise in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Torfaen. Entrants must show how creativity and innovation has made an impact on their business, workforce, customers, suppliers, communities or society.

Full details of both events can be found on the HOVIP website (www.hovip.org.uk), along with details of the full range of help, support and services they offer to all businesses – whether start-up or established, large or small.

What is TPM?



All too frequently engineers and other professionals talk in acronyms or jargon, and never clarify exactly **what** they are talking about. It is a sad but true fact that many of the people who spout the jargon actually have no idea what the true meaning is! In this, the first of an occasional series of articles, I will try to explain the meaning of (and behind) some of the more common acronyms & jargon you may come across.

So, what does TPM stand for - Ticket Point Mileage? Trusted Platform Module? Trade Promotion Management?

Actually, all those definitions are genuine and correct. However, in a maintenance context (and that is the one we are talking about here) it stands for **Total Productive Maintenance**. TPM owes its existence to some pioneering work carried out in the 1940s in the United States. However, it wasn't until the 1960s when a Japanese engineer took the systems originated in the US & developed them further – that Japanese engineer was called Seiichi Nakajima, and he is credited as being the founder of modern TPM.

TPM is a manufacturing led initiative that emphasises the importance of people: a 'can do' and 'continuous improvement' philosophy, and the importance of production and maintenance staff working together. It is presented as a key part of an overall manufacturing philosophy. In essence, TPM seeks to reshape or redefine the organisation to achieve and attain its own potential.

If you would like to read more about TPM, then I can strongly recommend the following book:

Introduction to TPM: Total Productive Maintenance by Seiichi Nakajima

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