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PERSONAL DANGER POUCH





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Who is Henry Walker Eltin?

Henry Walker Eltin is an Australian company with both domestic and international operations in:

- mining services
- civil engineering
- electrical and process engineering
- environmental management
- land development
- transport services



HWE Business Locations





OFFICES
AREAS OF OPERATION




Ebenezer Open Cut Coal

- Client – Ebenezer Mining Company Pty Ltd
- Location – Near Ipswich, SE Queensland
- Total resource management
- Removal of overburden
- Mining of coal seams
- Preparation and washing of coal
- Maintenance of mobile plant


The Problem

- Frequency of minor incidents including maintenance activities
- Inconsistent approach to risk management techniques
- Lack of hazard planning
- Need for simple, user-friendly approach to Job Safety Analysis



The Solution

- Consultation by Maintenance Management with their personnel
- Outcome – development of the “Personal Danger Pouch”
- Isolation procedures encompass the use of “Personal Danger Pouch”
- Promotion of hazard identification & risk control strategies

“Personal Danger Pouch” Contents

- Provision for personal identification (Generic Passport, driver’s licence, business card, etc)
- Isolation & Service Tag /s
- Safety Notebook
- Risk Score Card



Safety Notebook

- This booklet does not replace the formal JSA process
- Used for field/workplace activities
- Used by Employees and Subcontractors
- Common language questions
 - What is the job?
 - What is different?
 - What can “hurt me”?
 - Pain free method



The Benefits

- Process ownership and development by workforce
- Increased hazard identification & risk control
- Ensures effective task planning
- User – friendly mechanism, easily accessible
- Integrates additional safety processes to standard isolation methods
- Easily transferable across all industries



Application

- Rolled-out 3rd Quarter 2001 at Ebenezer
- Wide acceptance by all workforce
- Increased reporting of hazards
- Currently planning to roll-out at other HWE sites
- Other parties have expressed interest in adopting “pouch” system (Government Organisations, OEM's, etc)
- HWE are currently making design and concept freely available

