

Flinders Ports recognized internationally for safety

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Flinders Ports has received an International Safety Award from the British Safety Council securing a 'merit' status.



(pictured) International Safety Awards 2014 ceremony in London. Credit Flinders Ports

Of the winners, 46 organisations were awarded a distinction, 333 a merit and 142 a pass.

Awards were decided based on a marking scheme with the higher number of points indicating higher standards in the organisation.

Flinders Ports general manager Stewart Lammin said it was the organisation's standards of health, safety and welfare that helped it secure an award.

"We received the International Safety Award with merit because of our occupation, health and safety initiatives, which have had tangible outcomes across health, safety and staff welfare," he said.

"Our staff work in potentially high risk environments, so we've made safety the keystone of the business.

"We view legal requirements for work health and safety as minimum standards, rather than the ultimate goal."

When asked for what the award now means for Flinders Ports, Mr Lammin said it serves as "fantastic" recognition for the employees' efforts on safety.

"This acknowledgement of our safety standards at international level is a credit to our staff and has boosted morale," he said.

Now in their 56th year, British Safety Council's chief executive officer Alex Botha said the winners were chosen for their commitment in preventing injury and ill health in the

workplace.

“The success criteria for these awards is challenging and that rightly reflects the importance of achieving high standards of health and safety at work,” he said.

“It was also clear from the applications that the winning organisations recognise that getting health and safety right is a business enabler, which brings both financial and social benefits for organisations and their people.”

This year, 2014, was the first year Flinders Ports entered the awards.