

ICATS Milestones

Since the last edition of ICATS News the scheme has reached a number of noteworthy milestones.

Firstly ICATS now has more than 100 Registered companies, 150 trainers and over 1,000 trained applicators. There are now more applicators in training than at any other time in the schemes history. These figures are testament to the impact the scheme is having in the UK and how both applicators and specifiers see the major benefits of a trained, qualified workforce.

ICATS has its first overseas registered company, Offshore & Marine Services Ltd in Malta. They have already sent two trainers to the Train the Trainer course and are currently beginning training operatives.

OMS Ltd are the major coating applicator to Transocean Drilling and both companies hope to see the benefits in the very near future.

The Specialist modules in Abrasive Blast Cleaning and Spray Painting are now being trained by specialist trainers and The Highways Agency have mandated them as a part of the Sector Scheme 19A. A new Supervisors module will be launched in the Autumn due to industry demands.

We are sure that ICATS will continue to go from strength to strength and this will be in no small part to all those individuals and companies who continue to support the value and benefits the scheme delivers.



ICATS GUARANTEE

In recent years there have been dramatic changes in the Steel Protection and Protective Coating industries, coupled with the introduction of the ISO 9000 Quality Assurance Scheme and the Environmental protection Act 1994.

To enhance and work with these changes and improvements Heath Lambert Insurance Group in conjunction with Correx Limited and Managed Risk Solutions Ltd have looked to develop a Guarantee Scheme for owners of steel structures embarking on major investments in coating or recoating.

Such a guarantee facility to be designed to take away the present lottery as to the availability of Insurance backed guarantees and the ability to refinance and fund failures that can occur within the industry.

The Insurance Industry has always been wary of guarantees relative to failure of works to perform. To be able to develop and offer a facility for insurance there is always a need for the Insurers to understand: -

- The Industry that the guarantee is being provided for
- The history of success and failures in the past
- That the Industry fully understands the reasons that failures have occurred
- That the Industry is able, either by manual or educational training, to reduce dramatically the reasons behind such failures
- That the Industry has systems and checks in place to ensure that there is consistency and professionalism in the works being completed.

It has been particularly difficult for the Corrosion Industry in the past to give the relative solutions and comfort to Insurers. However with the advances being made by ICORR and ICATS, it has finally been possible to give this comfort. A facility approval has now been granted to ICATS member Companies with ICATS qualified operatives by a leading Insurer QBE.

What will it cover?

- a) Manufacturing defects in the insured works specified in the schedule; or
- b) The unsuitability of the insured works specified in the schedule; or
- c) Faulty or defective application of the insured works specified in the schedule;

Occurring during the guarantee period.

WARRANTY SCHEME

What will it pay for?

The policy will indemnify the insured for the cost of repair and reinstatement of the insured works to their original condition. Such reinstatement costs shall include:

- a) Site establishment costs;
- b) Scaffolding or other access costs;
- c) Preparation of defective surfaces but excluding repairs to the supporting structure;
- d) Supply of replacement corrosion protection products;
- e) Application of the replacement corrosion products listed in d) above

What are the acceptance requirements for eligibility to the Guarantee?

- The contract works to be insured must meet the evaluation criteria and an approved technical consultant must vet the Specification.
- The Contractors must be ICATS registered.
- The operatives are required to all hold 'Professional Certification Cards'. ICATS basic module.

There are Financial and Operational benefits of the Guarantee: -

Financially

✓ The Guarantee will eliminate the need to budget for unforeseen problems encountered if a coating failure occurs during the specified period of the Guarantee.

Operationally

- ✓ The client can be confident that best practices and systems are being specified.
- ✓ Where there are access or logistical problems attached to their location or function i.e. bridges, cranes, oil rigs etc. the full value of the contract including mobilisation and site preparation can be covered within the guarantee.
- ✓ The scheme eliminates the need to contact the main contractor or to invoke manufacturer/contract guarantees this may entail litigation or prolong the taking of remedial action (It should be remembered that should third parties cease to trade their Guarantees are worthless).

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ICATS Specialist Trainers

MJ Services are an ICATS specialist training company based in the North East of England. They are also supplier specialised corrosion control equipment.

The company was formed in 1999 primarily to manufacture and install blastrooms. By 2004 the company had expanded its range to include portable abrasive blast machines as well as an extensive range of consumables.

In 2007 the company went through significant change and growth when it was acquired by Darren Rainbow and Geoff Brown.

Darren has been working in the corrosion control industry for over 25 years and has gained invaluable experience working for equipment manufacturers as well as painting contractors.

Geoff's early career was as a qualified mechanical engineer. Then after several years he moved into technical sales. Geoff combines those two core skills to understand the needs and requirements and stipulations of their customers.

MJ Services became an ICATS registered company in early 2009. Darren is a specialist trainer for the Spray Painters and Blast Clean operatives. He has enjoyed training applicators on site and at MJ Services purpose built premises in Gateshead. The facility is able to offer a comprehensive workshop as well as a dedicated spray booth and blasting chamber. Having these facilities delivers hands-on exposure for the applicator during their training. Darren says 'We are a great supporter of ICATS. The majority of the applicators have vast experience

but our job is to fine tune their skills. Applicators have spent years operating in a certain way without fully understanding why and the possible consequences. By explaining the reasoning the applicators are able to see the benefits of the training to themselves, the contractor and client'.

MJ Services have available to hire a large range of site equipment. The trainees are encouraged to set up this equipment under supervision. Equipment such as the Portex 16 site dust arrester; vacuum recovery systems, specialist paint spraying equipment are important pieces of plant apparatus that help with the smooth running of site contracts. To view this equipment in operation can give the trainee greater understanding and appreciation what tools are available to site operators.

Also in stock is a large selection of blasting media and the trainee is able to view the different types. This will give a greater understanding of the selection process and the alternative surface finish that can be achieved by varying the abrasive.

MJ Services feel privileged that Correx have appointed them as a specialist training provider. By working together they are able to provide invaluable training and demonstrate how important this scheme is to our industry.



To book on to the specialist modules contact either Darren or Geoff T: 0191 4145700

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