

## Case Study – ISO14001 & OHSAS18001



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Ameon Ltd - Building Services Engineering  
Blackpool - Lancashire

"Ameon are pleased to have obtained the accreditation for ISO14001 and OHSAS18001 within a very short timescale with the assistance of RKMS which has enabled the Company to increase its profile and Client database. With RKMS continued assistance we hope to develop the business further to become one of the leading Building Engineering Services Contractors in the North West"

Paul Whitehead – Operations Director



### ISO Team

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### Project Objectives

To assist the company to achieve certification to ISO14001 & OHSAS18001 to further support their existing ISO9001 certification. The driving force behind certification was to generate a continuous improvement culture within the business and to support further growth of the business.

### Background

Ameon is a new name for an established and respected company in the construction services sector. Ameon Limited specialises in the provision of mechanical, electrical and environmental services, renewable technologies and utilities for construction projects in both the private and public sectors.

The company had an established quality management system and this was used to form the basis of the integrated management system (IMS) to ensure a smooth transition.

### Assistance Provided

The existing management system along with environmental and H&S arrangements was reviewed and amended to incorporate all procedures and controls.

All legislative and regulatory requirements were identified and compliance assessed. An action plan was developed to ensure requirements of the standards were addressed. A Management Programme was generated with improvement objectives that had clear timescales and responsibilities.

All documentation and procedural instructions were generated and incorporated into an electronic management system that allows all staff to have access to the latest information at the touch of a button.

### Outcomes

The company achieved certification to ISO14001 and OHSAS18001 via BM TRADA a UKAS accredited Certification Body at the first attempt. Since achieving certification the company have won a number of major new contracts resulting in employment of an additional 45 staff and an increase in turnover in excess of 25%. Ameon have retained the services of RKMS to assist with the maintenance of the management system.

## Contracts boost brings new jobs

**By CHRIS DIXON**

A LEADING building services company is creating 45 jobs.

Despite unemployment figures rising in the last quarter, contract gains at Ameon, the Blackpool-based building services engineering company, has led to the creation of new positions at the company's Blackpool headquarters and also to the expansion of the company's skilled on-site workforce.

Ameon's recently announced contract gains, worth more than

£20m, have made the expansion a necessity.

The Whiteville-based firm's newly acquired contracting business, Electrical Installations North West Ltd, has also increased its workforce with the addition of 11 new positions for qualified electricians, bringing the group increase in new jobs to 56.

Manchester's Media City, several contracts for B&B Systems and a tranche of work on the Government's Building Schools for the Future programme are among the raft of contracts currently keeping Ameon's expanding workforce busy.

Ameon managing director Robin Lawson said: "While we hear depressing news about the economy almost every day, we're proof that there should still be plenty of optimism about future growth potential, particularly in the construction and building services sectors."

"We might be better placed to buck the trend because of our expertise in the design and installation of renewable energy systems on construction projects of all sizes, but we're also noticing increased requirement for our

core electrical and mechanical services and our utilities infrastructure contracting services, so there's plenty of scope in the market for companies with the right skills mix."

And projections for 2011 could see more jobs created next year as the company looks to surpass its turnover target of £20m.

Among the positions created are management posts in IT, contracting and renewable technologies, together with technical, clerical and administrative jobs.

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