

Helios Towers Africa achieves international recognition

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Helios Towers Africa (HTA), an independent telecoms towers company in Africa, with operations in Ghana, Tanzania and Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC"), has achieved the internationally recognised OSHAS 18001 standard in the DRC.



Charles 'Chuck' Green, Chief Executive Officer, Helios Towers Africa

This achievement for HTA makes it the first and only OSHAS 18001 certified tower company in each of its existing markets. This milestone demonstrates HTA's commitment to customer service and quality in delivery.

All operations have earned the right to display the coveted OSHAS 18001 certification mark to demonstrate its conformance to the standard following the certification of both Helios Towers Tanzania and Helios Towers Ghana by SGS as well as Bureau Veritas' certification of Helios Towers DRC.

HTA's demonstration of product and service reliability and process controls also underpins its ability to offer lower operational costs for its customers.

OSHAS 18001 was first introduced in 1999 and requires organisations to assess their risk and implement an effective occupational health and safety management system to promote a safe and healthy working environment. Certified organisations are committed to continuous improvement and are assessed annually to ensure progress is being maintained.

Chuck Green, CEO of Helios Towers Africa said: "We are particularly pleased to have achieved the OSHAS 18001 certification in all of our existing markets as it underlines our commitment to our customers and our focus on quality of service. We are the first and only OSHAS 18001 certified company in each of our markets."

The benefits of registration to the OSHAS 18001 standard include:

- Demonstrating that a risk based approach is taken to the management of Health and Safety
- Streamlining an organisation's procedures
- Bringing consistency to an organisation's service delivery
- Reducing cost and rework
- Improving an organisation's management practices
- Enhanced status
- Competitive advantage
- Lower insurance premiums

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