

WSE COMPANY GOES FOR GOLD

A Waikato company which was formerly on the Workplace Safety Evaluation programme made a big leap forward in just one year, by not only achieving the Workplace Safety Management Programme (WSMP) but also winning an environmental award.

Livingstone Ltd is a medium-sized commercial construction company based in Waikato and with offices in the Bay of Plenty. In 2006 they were on ACC's WSE list but by 2007 they had achieved accreditation to ACC WSMP to secondary level at their first audit. They also were awarded "Bronze Standard" status in environmental sustainability, ("EnviroSmart") and are now working towards the highest award category. They are one of only a few organisations in the construction sector to even embark on environmental management and to reach across all areas of their operation. Their health and safety story has appeared in two issues of Safeguard magazine for 2007.

What has happened to them since then? They've been busy indeed by adopting a continuous improvement philosophy in health and safety across their entire organisation and at all their diverse work sites. 2008 has seen them achieve "Gold Standard" award in their progress towards the highest recognition level in the EnviroSmart standard: "Platinum Standard" award.

To date they have managed to reduce waste on their building sites by 60%, in their offices by 70% and made reductions in workplace noise, including noise in and around the worksite.

Reductions too in the amount of dust generated as part of the construction process have been achieved. This year they entered the Safeguard Health and Safety Awards where they received the "Judges Commendation Award". In addition, they have told the story of their journey towards best practice in health and safety at a number of conferences around the country.

Their crowning achievement for this year is winning the ACC Workplace Safety Award category in the 2008 Waikato Business Excellence Awards. Livingstone Ltd readily acknowledges ACC's role and Injury Prevention in particular, in assisting them move from a poor performer in health and safety to one that other companies are keen to emulate.



Pictured with the ACC Workplace Safety Award, (Left to right) David Holmes (IPC Waikato), Dr Jan White (CEO ACC), David Livingstone, (Director Livingstone Ltd) and Kim Wihare (Health & Safety Administrator, Livingstone Ltd.)