



## **Media Release**

### **QSL Ops achieves important milestone**

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QSL's Operations division has received formal recognition of its environmental, occupational health and safety management systems, achieving new certifications under Australian and international standards.

After a comprehensive audit and assessment process, QSL Operations received certification under AS/NZS 4801:2001, the Australian standard for occupational health and safety management systems, and ISO 14001:2015, the international standard for environmental management systems.

Both standards are based on a well-established continuous improvement model that uses a framework of leadership commitment, informed planning, ongoing implementation, measurement and evaluation, and continual management review to ensure effectiveness of operating systems.



QSL Operations General Manager Damian Ziebarth, pictured right, said that while QSL Operations' key driver for this certification was to ensure their Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) management system was organised and used with clarity and consistency, the process also delivered a range of other benefits, including enhanced regulatory compliance and improved efficiency and effectiveness across all aspects of their operations.

Mr Ziebarth said these certifications also provided independent third-party assurance to the terminals' customers and industry stakeholders that QSL has effective systems in place to control the EHS aspects of the sugar terminal operations.

"We play a pivotal role in a busy supply chain, so initiatives such as this not only have positive implications for our business, but the entire Queensland sugar industry," he said.

Mr Ziebarth said the three-year certification awarded is subject to annual audits to ensure QSL Operations' activities around the state are continuing to meet the high standards established in the company's EHS policies, procedures, plans and instructions.

QSL Operations is a division of QSL and operates six bulk sugar terminals in Queensland under a strategic Operating Agreement with terminal owners Sugar Terminals Limited (STL).