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Plant Tour – Cogent Power Inc

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 6:00 pm

845 Laurentian Drive, Burlington

Directions:

From QEW exit Guelph Line South, turn left on Harvester Rd.
Laurentian Drive is two blocks east of Guelph line – one block east of the Holiday Inn.

Parking:

Plenty of visitors' parking available. Enter through main office doors.

Personal Protective Equipment:

Toe protection is required. Bring your own safety shoes as there are only a limited number of toe caps for those who do not have safety shoes.

**If you have not registered for this tour but wish to attend, please contact
Judi Mansfield-Jones at [jmi@nanoguestinc.com](mailto:jmj@nanoguestinc.com)
There are 5 spaces still available. \$20 fee.**

Cogent Power Inc

This company has been in business since 1972, as a subsidiary of Cogent Power Ltd., part of the Corus Group acquired in 2007 by TaTa Steel, enjoys the reputation of providing quality electrical slit steel to meet the various demands of the electrical steel market and being one of North America's leading suppliers of transformer cores for the power generation and distribution industries. The company of about 190 employees, located in Burlington, Ontario is both ISO 9001 (QMI Registrar) and ISRS Level 6 (DNV Safety Registrar) certified and is now entering the sixth year in its Lean transformation journey. A lean journey that has recently been recognized with the 2009 Association of Manufacturing Excellence (AME) Award of Excellence for the Canadian Region. The company's vision is one of a self-propelled continuous improvement culture with a clear focus on value stream management and a strategic platform of critically aligned success factors with corresponding KPI measures as managed and monitored through its Line of Sight process. Many best and innovative practices will be viewed and discussed during the tour including its Lean Apprentice and TWI Job Instruction strategies. Of additional note, during the 2008 Toronto AME International Lean Conference, Cogent scored the highest site tour ratings of all 50 companies involved.

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Our Presenter – Greg MacDougall

Greg MacDougall is Manager, Total Quality Systems and Senior Lean Coach at Cogent Power Inc., having key responsibilities in quality management and continuous improvement. He is a Quality Management graduate of Mohawk College, holds a technical diploma in Metallurgy from McMaster University and was accredited in 2004, as a Lean Coach through Cardiff University, Lean Enterprise Research Centre, Wales, UK.

Greg previously served as Corporate Director, Quality Management, ABC-Naco, Chicago, IL, and preceding this was Manager, Quality Systems, Dofasco Steel in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. He has an extensive background in the steel industry involving quality and improvement; is a past Instructor at Mohawk College, Senior ASQ Member; and a RAB Certified QMS Lead Assessor.

Other Upcoming Events

| Event | Location | Date | Details |
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| Lean Manufacturing / Lean Service Organizations – Choosing the best tools in tough economic times. Trevor Smith, Quality Integration Solutions. | ASQ Toronto | Nov 11. 2009 | www.asqtoronto.org |
| Candy-Covered Process Performance - Michael Armstrong, Brock Univ | ASQ Hamilton | Nov 19, 2009 | November Newsletter |

Web-based CQE Practice Exams

ASQ Hamilton Section has launched a complimentary web-based e-learning solution for candidates wishing to become ASQ-Certified Quality Engineers (CQE). For further details go to:
<http://www.asqhamilton.com/cqepexam.htm>

Call for Volunteers to become Deputy Regional Councilors – ASQ Canada, ASQ Audit Division

The Audit Division of ASQ represents over 11,000 members drawn from every industry, public and commercial, throughout the world. The Division includes members from all levels within a company. The Audit Report, our Division newsletter, can be found on the Audit Division Web Page —
<http://www.asq.org/audit/index.html>

In order to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives of the Audit Division I am looking for “Deputy Regional Councilors” for ASQ Canada. If you are interested please contact:

Ramakrishnan Nara - Regional Councilor (Canada), ASQ Audit Division, Ottawa
Email- RNARASIMHAN2549@ROGERS.COM, Tel. 613-837-6765

Jobs and Ads Web Page

Check out our Jobs & Ads web page - link on side bar at www.asqhamilton.com
- for employment opportunities in the quality field.

ASQ Hamilton members seeking employment or a career change can also have their resumes posted in the Classified section of our Jobs and Ads web page.

There is no charge for this service to our members.

Resumes (MS Word preferred) should be sent to the section webmaster Bob Mok at isqas@yahoo.ca

The ASQ Hamilton Section Newsletter is posted online about six times per year to announce upcoming section meetings, plant tours and other events of interest to members.

The newsletter will be sent electronically only to those members who have agreed to receive Section information by e-mail.

Except for the September issue, the newsletter is no longer sent out by regular mail.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that you receive your copy, as well as special announcements of ASQ events in between issues, check your ASQ profile at www.asq.org. Log in and type the word profile in the search box. Select My Account: Update Your My ASQ Profile, and verify that your correct e-mail address is included in your profile.

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