

SEÁN O'DONNELL
Chairman and Co-Founder



Seán O'Donnell is the Chairman and co-founder of An Meá. He has 15 years of international experience in building Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) risk management strategies and control frameworks for a number of multinational companies. Seán has lived and worked in Europe, the Middle East and Australia.

Seán started his career in the UK as a Petroleum Geochemist, before joining Redland Engineering as a Process Technologist. In 1990 he was appointed an overseas assignment in Australia to take up the role of Senior Process Technologist with Monier PGH, a joint venture between CSR Ltd. and Redland PLC. Seán's initial role with Monier PGH was to commission factories and optimise manufacturing processes, and in 1992 he took on the added role of Environmental Coordinator for the company. During this time Seán set up the company's environmental audit and compliance program, before moving to CSR Readymix Roads Group to become their HSE Coordinator.

In 1995 Seán was appointed as Corporate HSE Adviser to Caltex – Ampol, Australia's largest downstream oil company. He coordinated due diligence audits of oil product terminals and distribution depots in preparation for the merger of Caltex with Ampol. Seán was also responsible for developing environmental accounting policy and guidelines for Caltex Australia, and coordinated a review of environmental liabilities for submission to the US Securities Commission. Following the Caltex – Ampol merger, Seán led a review of the company's audit structure and processes which subsequently resulted in the financial audit and corporate HSE audit functions becoming a single, integrated risk management department. He also developed an integrated corporate HSE audit program that incorporated all of the company's business units, and led the first of these audits.

After leaving Caltex-Ampol in 1997 to form An Meá with Steve Williams, Seán has worked mainly with clients in the energy and manufacturing industries to develop and implement HSE risk management controls and HSE training programs. Key projects include: assisting Petroleum Development Oman LLC to attain ISO 14001 certification (2000); coordinating development of an HSE management system for Sakhalin Energy - the operating company for the world's largest oil and gas investment project (2003); a global review of HSE communications for Shell International (2004); a strategic review of the HSE business process for Woodside Energy Ltd. (2005); and developing a HSE

governance and assurance framework for WorleyParsons (2008).

In his role as An Meá's Director - Training and Communications, Seán has delivered HSE training courses for multinational clients in the USA, Canada, Russia, England, The Netherlands, Malaysia, Brunei, Oman, New Zealand and Australia. An experienced HSE auditor, Seán is approved by Shell International Ltd. as a qualified trainer of Shell internal auditors. He travels regularly to train auditors and line managers from Shell operating companies worldwide in HSE audit. Seán is also recognized by RABQSA International as a Registered Certified Lead Environmental Auditor in the following areas - Environmental Management Audit, Environmental Management System Audit, Site Contamination Assessment, Compliance Audit and Due Diligence Audit.

Seán holds an honours degree in Earth Sciences from Oxford Brookes University, UK.

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