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VMAC HOSTS HEALTH & SAFETY WORKSHOP WITH WORKSAFEBC AND CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS

Nanaimo, BC, February 15th 2019 – VMAC hosted an important health and safety workshop, put on by Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters (CME) and WorkSafeBC. The workshop, entitled “Innovation Insights Health and Safety Workshops: Manufacturing High Risk Strategy”, helps manufacturers prepare for safety inspections regarding machine safeguarding and lockout-tagout procedures.

An increase in inspections on equipment and machinery safeguarding has led the CME and WorkSafeBC to schedule a series of three workshops for manufacturers throughout the province of British Columbia. The first two workshops were at post-secondary institution BCIT, and the Surrey City Centre Library, making VMAC the only private organization to host.

“We place the safety of our coworkers and products above all else,” says Mike Kleywegt, Machine Shop Supervisor and Health, Safety & Environment Co-Chair, quoting one of VMAC’s core values/beliefs. “Recently, a company-wide target was set to ensure lockout compliance in all applicable areas. Lockout procedure generation and training metrics were identified, tracked, and rewarded with VMAC’s profit sharing program. We hope that sharing our experience with lockout compliance was helpful for our guests currently working on similar safety goals.”

Attendees of this workshop included local leaders in the manufacturing industry, safety managers, operations personnel and manufacturing specialists. Representatives from CME and WorkSafeBC discussed findings and focus areas of WorkSafeBC’s 2018 Manufacturing High Risk Strategy, reviewed the Safeguarding Machinery and Equipment Manual, and updated attendees on safeguarding regulations and recent changes to the lockout manual.

“VMAC has increased engagement in health and safety awareness across all levels of the company,” says Chris Larsen, VMAC’s HR & Special Projects Manager. “We’ve placed an emphasis on empowering front-line supervisors with the training, resources and support they need to ensure each of our coworkers go home safe at the end of the day. Having CME and WorkSafeBC at VMAC for this workshop is validation in our current health, safety and environment program, and motivation to continue improving our efforts.”

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