

Do I need a Dangerous Goods Consultant?

The value in hiring a Dangerous goods and Hazardous Substances Consultant

In every organisation a time comes when key decisions need to be made on the best methods to push the company forward when new chemical projects and developments are planned. Normally this involves the investment of new plant and equipment. Such developments would generally benefit from the expertise of someone who has already been involved in industry with such developments.

Good planning in your company is a critical element to ensure that growth and forward movement continues within your internal project team, which prevents a loss of focus or worst still, the outcome of project failure.

It is this potential risk that may be the perfect trigger and opportunity to engage a specialist Dangerous Goods Consultant for your business to bring that much-needed outside knowledge, experience and perspective to ensure the viability and success of the project

Dangerous Goods and Hazardous Substances Consultants are experts that specialize in assisting companies to discover what is available, with methods and practical experience to deal with the risk aspects in dealing with any dangerous goods associated project. A good dangerous goods consultant will work closely with the management and executive team to evaluate the scope and regulatory requirements to offer solutions with practical guidance based on past cases to ensure that your project can be realistically achieved.

Here are just a few of the roles and benefits that an expert Dangerous Goods consultant can provide you when making the key decisions to ensure the success of your project for your organisation.

- **Bring fresh, new ideas and concepts**— An experienced industry Dangerous Goods Consultant should offer skills and the ability to bring new life into the project and generate new ideas with their specialty and expertise to overcome the major issues within a project.
- **A clear and unbiased perspective** – The consultant is a key factor in your project. A good consultant should not be a “yes person” for you, while it may make you feel good, however when things go wrong, it is usually these types of consultants that have well contributed for you having to deal with these outcomes. With all this being said, a well balance experienced industry consultant will ask many questions, challenge your current ideas and most importantly offers alternative, superior solutions with solid reasoning.
- **A professional and diplomatic consultant, with a provocative approach** – You don’t want to create internal conflicts in your company. The consultant’s ability to ask and probe into long established methods and company thinking will be a key asset that your chosen consultant should have and be able to offer you. A good consultant should demonstrate and provide clear leadership and manage even the most challenging personalities by creating a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.
- **Clear focus and results driven** – The key role of a dangerous goods consultant is to help you get results that you are not able to get within your company. Good Dangerous Goods consultants will have a clear view of their own role in your company, with the confidence and knowledge in their field of expertise that should be clearly be visible to all, when engaging with such people.

How you choose a dangerous goods consultant depends on your specific type of company or industry and finding those consultants who specialize in your area. A professional consultant should be able to provide a complete background of their past, areas of expertise, client history and ability to interact with your team.

Working with the right Dangerous Goods Consultant can deliver huge rewards by providing a solid base for growth and success for your company, that you would otherwise not achieve without that clear, focused outside perspective of bringing in an outside specialist in that field.

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