Winoa Partners With DuPont Sustainable Solutions To Organize Its Very First Health & Safety Week

GENEVA, June 5, 2019 – Winoa, world leader in the steel abrasive industry and world leading service partner, enlisted DuPont Sustainable Solutions (DSS), the international operations and safety management consulting firm, to increase safety awareness among its employees worldwide.

From 20 to 24 May, all Winoa employees were challenged to keep safety top-of-mind by taking part in the company’s first Health & Safety Week. For this first edition, Winoa decided to focus on "incident investigation", kicking the week off on all of the company’s sites with an official message from the Executive Committee and an e-learning course on incident investigation. The course, followed by all employees, was paired with a practical "surprise" exercise where employees had to find the root causes behind an incident scene physically set up on all sites. This exercise aimed to put the theory directly into practice so that all employees could understand the risks they can be confronted to and the importance of putting safety at the heart of their daily activities.

All employees also received a different microlearning course each day on safety-oriented topics, including observation tips, how to deal with stress, slips & trips, emergency evacuation and back injuries. The objective of these microlearnings was to raise awareness on some key topics that affect all workers, from office to plant site. This was also the occasion for all employees to share their experience when it comes to incidents, both in their private and professional lives, in order to bring more awareness to the fact that safety is a behavior that does not stop in the workplace but can be transferred to every aspect of one’s life.

"With about 1000 employees and a presence in more than 20 countries," says Pierre Escolier, CEO of Winoa, "We want Health & Safety to be one of the building blocks for a stronger culture within Winoa and it starts by talking about safety. The goal of our collaboration with DSS is not only to raise awareness, but to make safety something personal for each and every one of our employees and make safety an active choice."

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