

# Industry Insights

*The Australasian Institute of Surface Finishing*



## Nippon Paints buy out of Dulux & what it means to our industry

Last month saw the Powder Coating industry in shock as the news of the potential sale of the Dulux Group to Nippon Paints was announced. We were all wondering what would that mean to our industry. The AISF approached Dulux directly to ascertain what this means to us. We were provided with a copy of a Media Release provided to Dulux's Shareholders, and it appears that both representatives from the Dulux Group and Nippon Paints unanimously agree that it will be "Business as usual" for Dulux and their subsidiary companies.

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Nippon's President & CEO, Mr. Tetsushi Tado said: "We are excited by the prospect of welcoming DuluxGroup into the Nippon Group. Patrick and his team have built DuluxGroup into the pre-eminent provider of housing improvement products in Australia and New Zealand with market-leading and iconic brands operating from world-class manufacturing facilities. The combination of DuluxGroup and Nippon will provide further avenues of growth for DuluxGroup and create exciting opportunities for all of the DuluxGroup management team and employees. Nippon intends to maintain the legacy developed by DuluxGroup and facilitate DuluxGroup's existing vision by leveraging the resources of the broader Nippon platform. As part of the Nippon Group, it will be business as usual and DuluxGroup will still be DuluxGroup."

The AISF will continue to follow this potential sale and will keep our members informed of any developments which could impact our industry.



# Workplace safety, how safe are you?

*Chris Sweetnam, Director*

Last month, the New South Wales building industry saw an unfortunate workplace accident which claimed the life of an 18 year old apprentice, and a 39-year-old worker was seriously injured and hospitalised. With this in-mind we thought we would take this opportunity to guide you to reflect your current workplace safety policies and ensure they are up to date.

The Australian Government have a valuable resource within the Safe Work Australia website, which offers guidance and a wealth of free resources to ensure your workplace maintains its safety standards. The website is: <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/doc/model-code-practice-spray-painting-and-powder-coating>

## An Environmental edge

by Tim Elley, AISF Representative Electroplating Division

Recent legislative changes in classifying waste products in NSW has meant that some solid waste products produced by the electroplating industry, which were previously classed as solid or inert, are now deemed hazardous. The result of these changes means higher disposal costs, increased paperwork tracking, obtaining of hazard waste storage permits, increased signage, bunding, etc.

Representatives from the NSW Branch of the AISF recently met with senior executives of the NSW EPA to discuss past allowances given to the electroplating industry based on analytical results, both leachate and multiple extraction procedure (MEP). After discussions at the meeting and subsequent dialogue, the EPA has agreed to allow the facility for our waste products to be reclassified using the approved waste treatment regime, with individual applicators needing to apply for specific immobilisation approval.

The application for specific immobilisation approval can be found on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au>

**AISF Courses  
available:**

**Introduction to  
Powder Coating**

**Cyanide Training**



# AISF Office Update

## Collingwood Property

Long time members will be aware that the AISF owns an office in Collingwood, Melbourne. Unfortunately, due to an apparent down turn in activity, we have had difficulty in finding a tenant since it was vacated in August 2018.

There are a number of vacant office in the building which are in competition to ours. Even the cafeteria at the front of the building is vacant. Car parking in the area is also extremely difficult to find. The Directors are taking action to remedy the situation by looking at alternative real estate agents, who may have a fresh approach. We have, in the mean time, rented out the car parking space that goes with the office. If the office is not leased by August 2019, we may have to look at a Sale or Lease scenario to stop the building overheads eating into AISF cash flow.

In the meantime, if you know of a business seeking office space in the area, feel free to put them in contact with our head office.



## 2019-2020 Membership

The AISF 2019-2020 Membership packs will be available soon via our website. We will email our current and previous members once the membership information is open.

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