#### **Process Safety in Design**

A Matter of Philosophy



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# About us

Pasadena, California, USA 1947 Founded by Joseph Jacobs \$12.7 Billion 2014 Revenues Pasadena, California, USA 70,000+ Employees 30+ Countries

> **\$5.3** Billion 2014 Client Savings

JEC Publicly traded on NYSE 250+ Offices



# **Offices in Europe**

# Jacobs - Offices in Europe

Resources by Country		
Offices	Resources	
Belgium	585	
Finland*	780	
France	550	
Germany	340	
Ireland	744	
Italy	248	
Netherlands	1.508	
Poland	142	
Spain	111	
Sweden	142	
United Kingdom	9,494	
Total	14,644	

\* Neste Jacobs Oy





# **NL Operations**

# **Jacobs in The Netherlands**

#### **Key Clients:**

✓ Shell

- ✓ NAM
- ✓ DSM
- ✓ BP
- ✓ Sabic
- ExxonMobil
- ✓ DuPont
- ✓ KPE
- ✓ Vopak
- ✓ LyondellBasel
- ✓ Dow









#### **Industry Sectors Served:**

- ✓ Upstream
- ✓ Refining
- ✓ Petrochemicals
- ✓ Sulfur
- ✓ Fine Chemicals
- ✓ Pharmaceuticals
- ✓ Light Industry
- ✓ Energy
- ✓ Consultancy Services







# **NL Operations**

# The Netherlands – Disciplines & Expertise

DISCIPLINES	TOTAL
(Design) HSE	54
Process	189
Civil / Structural	84
Instrumentation / Electrical	275
Mechanical / Piping	259
Project Management / Engineering	158
Project Services	163
Construction Management	50
Procurement / Contracting	88
General Management / H.O./Admin.	126
Others (QM/Consult./Authority)	62
TOTAL	1508



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# BeyondZero



- ✓ 24x7 Culture of Caring
- ✓ NL winner of the 2014 President's BeyondZero<sup>®</sup> Excellence Award
- ✓ Recent Safety Campaigns
  - Gloves
  - Working at heights

#### What is Unique About BeyondZero®

It is...

- A personal commitment to eliminate all incidents and injuries
- Conversation about possibility rather than probability
- Culture focused on creating a healthy and harm-free environment rather than avoiding incidents
- Organizational commitment to enable an existence free of incident and injury
- · Built on leaders who act from deeply held core values

It is moving beyond:

- Numbers
- Compliance
- Quick, "off-the-shelf" technical fixes

# It is about us – Our employees, Our families, Our friends





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# Ton Jansen

- Tech. University Eindhoven (1989), Chemical Technology
- 2011- Present Jacobs
  - Since Aug 2011 Department Manager DHSE
- 2001-2010 Aker Kvaerner / Aker Solutions
- 1991-2001 Badger / Raytheon E&C / Washington Intl.



# "Tegelwijsheid"



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# Lack of Process Safety > Major Incidents

- Jun 1974 > Flixborough (UK)
- July 1976 > Seveso (It)
- Nov 1984 > Mexico City (Mex)
- Dec 1984 > Bhopal (Ind)
- July 1988 > Piper Alpha (North Sea)
  - Sep 2001 > Toulouse (Fr)
- Mar 2005 > Texas City (USA)
  - Dec 2005 > Buncefield (UK)
- Apr 2010 > Deep Water Horizon (Gulf of Mexico)



# **Major Incidents**

# Flixborough, UK (June 1974)

- Partial oxidation of cyclohexane
- Catastrophic failure of temporary piping
- 30 tonnes of hot cyclohexane released in 30 s
- Vapor cloud explosion
- 28 fatalities, 53 injuries; 1800+ houses damaged; plant destroyed
- 18 of those fatally injured were in control room
- Passing of UK "Health and Safety at Work" Act



# Major Incidents

# Seveso, Italy (July 1976)

Runaway reaction

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- 2 kg of dioxin release from relief system
- Over 17 km2 affected
- Locally grown food banned for several months
- Several inches of topsoil removed, incinerated
- 80,000 animals died or slaughtered
- Plant shut down and destroyed
- EU "Seveso Directive" prompted





# **Major Incidents**

# Mexico City, Mexico (November 1984)

- Large LPG / fuels storage facility
- Fires, vessel ruptures, boiling-liquidexpanding-vapor explosions (BLEVEs)
- Initiating cause unknown
- 600 fatalities, 7000 injuries
- Horizontal tanks rocketed as far as 1200 m away
- Fixed fire protection destroyed by blasts
- Fuels terminal destroyed





# Bhopal, India (December 1984)

- Pesticide production facility
- Water introduced into methyl isocyanate storage
- MIC toxic vapor release from vent system
- Total fatalities (1994): ~35,000
- Plant shut down; Union Carbide eventually sold
- Seveso II, EPA Risk Management Program prompted



# Piper Alpha, North Sea (July 1988)

- Gas / Oil Platform, 170km NE of Aberdeen
- When platform was converted original safety concept was abandoned
- Simultaneous maintenance on pump and relief valves
- Condensate pump was started unaware that relief valve missed, replaced by hand tight blind, > Leak > Ignition > Explosion
- 167 fatalities







# **Major Incidents**

# Toulouse, France (Sept 2001)

- Ammonium nitrate storage at fertilizer plant
- Explosive decomposition initiated; cause unknown
- Equivalent blast energy 20-40 tons of TNT
- 30 fatalities; 2500+ injuries; US\$
  2 billion in losses





# Buncefield, UK (December 2005)

- Petrol (gasoline) tank farm
- Storage tank overflow
- Ignition, vapor cloud explosion and fires
- 40+ injuries; 20+ tanks destroyed
- Consequences could have been much worse







# Deep Water Horizon, Gulf of Mexico (April 2010)

- 11 fatalities, 17 injuries
- Biggest environmental disaster in US history
- Release of 800.000 6.400.000 liter/day crude oil
- 5 months to completely stop the oil flow
- Main cause improper design in order to save time and money







# **Major Incidents**



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# Texas City, Texas (March 2005)

- Refinery isomerization unit
- Board operators on duty for 30 days
- One valve not opened during unit re-start
- Release of hot flammable material from vent stack
- Ignition and vapor cloud explosion
- 15 fatalities, 180 injuries
- Barker Report

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# **Major Incidents**



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# Texas City, Texas (March 2005)

• 15 fatalities

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- All contractors, none direct BP
- 11 fatalities Jacobs (hired) contractors
- 127 Jacobs employees OSHA Recordable Injury
- Not involved in the Isomerisation Unit
- Enhanced Jacobs commitment to Safety > <u>Never Again</u>
- Beyond Zero<sup>®</sup> Program
- Own criteria for Facility Siting





What is *Process Safety*?

 The absence of loss and harm resulting from fires, explosions and hazardous material releases at process facilities [Event Focused]

2. The absence of loss and harm at process facilities by

- Identifying Process Hazards
- Containing and Controlling them
- Countering abnormal situations with effective safeguards [Activity Focused]



For an engineering contractor SAFETY in all phases of a project shall be considered

- Engineering
- Construction
- Operation and Maintenance
- Demolition



In order to produce a Safe Design one should know:

- Why do loss events happen?
- How do loss events happen?
- What must be done to avoid them?



## Why do loss events happen?

- Handling dangerous process materials and energies
- As we do so the potential for loss events is always existing







## High Level Analyses:



Point of time in an abnormal situation when an irreversible physical event occurs that has the potential for loss and harm impacts [release, ignition, rupture.....]





# How do loss events happen?

- (HAZARD)
- Initiating Cause
  - Failure, Wrong Feedstock,.....
- Deviation
  - No flow, High Pressure,....
- Loss Event
  - Release, Fire , Explosion,...
- Impact
  - Injury, Fatality, Damage,...





What must be done to avoid loss events?

- Most engineering focuses on designing a process to work: "normal situation"
- We must also consider how a process can *fail*, starting with an "abnormal situation"









Always apply proper safety strategies during engineering:

- 1. Inherent Safe Design Hazard Reduction
- 2. Passive Safeguards Design features that reduce risk without active functioning of any device
- 3. Active Safeguards Engineering Controls
- 4. Procedural Safeguards



Process Safety is **<u>not</u>** a Single Discipline responsibility

- Full involvement of:
  - Client Engineering
  - Client Operation
  - Client Safety Specialists
  - Contractor Engineering and (D)HSE
- Full commitment of Management



# Interesting reading material:

"Failure to Learn"

by Prof Andrew Hopkins





# Process Safety starts at the beginning of the design effort (Front End Loading)

#### **Cost of Change in Design Phase**







- Design with Safety in your Mind
- Timely Risk Assessments (HAZID, HAZOP, QRA, SIL)
  - Use proper assessment for each phase
- Follow up based on:
  - Inherent Safer Design
  - Passive Safeguards
  - Active Safeguards
  - Operational Procedures



Common pitfalls in a design environment:

- 1. Technical challenges are addressed in silo's
- 2. Technical standards are considered to be known
- 3. Impact of changes is under estimated (outside scope)
- 4. Working on "out-dated" documents (as-builts)
- 5. Multiple projects using the same documents
- 6. Copy existing designs without challenge





#### How do we address these at Jacobs:



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#### Full E-Access to (International) Standards:



#### And others !





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#### Access to Client Standards & Specifications:



**E**XonMobil

# Shell DEPs

And others !



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#### **Process Safety in Design**

#### Imperial Sugar 2008 (USA)

#### (Sugar) Dust Explosion





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Video: US Chemical Safety Board. www.csb.gov



# <u>(D)HSE</u>

- Various roles on a project
  - Advisor
  - Engineering
  - Challenger
- How to keep an "Independent" eye/attitude



**Design HSE in Jacobs** 





What do we do on our projects?

- HSE Plan, HSE File and HSE Action List
- HSE Awareness Sessions
- Conducting (timely) the proper Safety Reviews (HAZID, HAZOP, SIL)
- Hazardous Area Classification
- Fire & Gas Detection Philosophy and Layout





- Fire Fighting and Fireproofing Philosophy and Layout
- Fire, Toxic and Explosion Modeling
- Noise Prediction, Ergonomics, Health Risk Assessments
- Advise / Challenge other disciplines
- Constructability Safety Reviews
- Facility Siting Analysis



# Constructability & Safety Reviews:

- Common effort of Construction, Design HSE and Field HSE
- To be held in all project phases (multi disciplinary review)
- Focus on reducing construction risk by improving design



#### **Design HSE in Jacobs**

# Ultimate Goal:

# "Evolve" to a state of

# chronical discomfort



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#### **Questions?**

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# Thank you!

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