# Hands-Free Wearables for Process Safety

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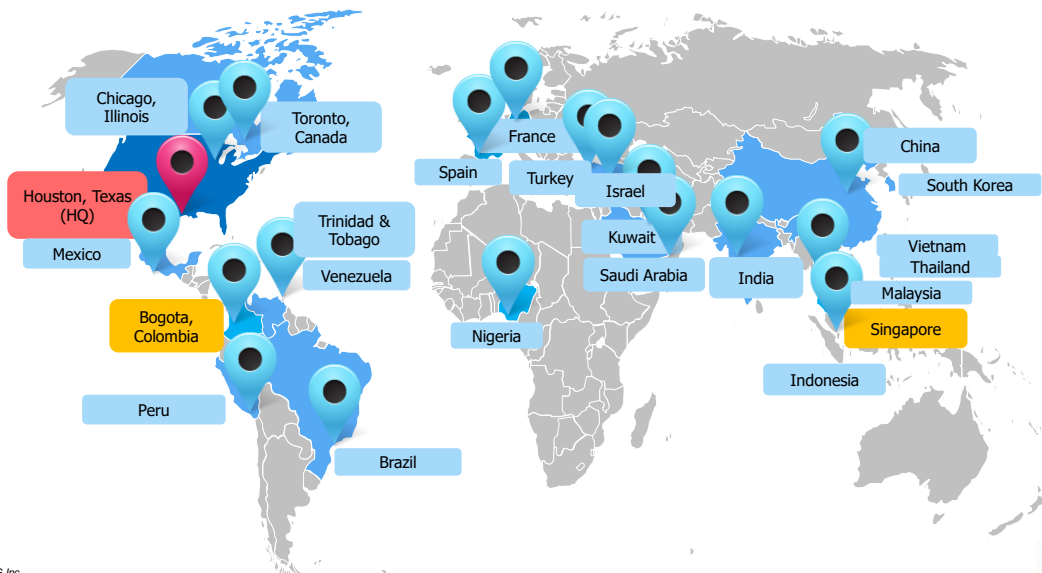
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## About PSRG



- Established in 1997 in Houston, TX (25+ years)
- Global Process Safety, Risk Management & Plant Reliability consulting and training firm
- More than 100 technical professionals averaging 29+ yrs experience
- Diverse industry experience with more than 1000 customers in 90 countries
- Tailored solutions to meet and exceed client expectations
- Member of AIChE CCPS, IChemE PSC, P2SAC and VPPPA

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## PSRG API/Pharma Experience

| Company | Study | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Abbvie | Conduct HAZOP Study (Procedure) | Singapore |
| Amgen | HAZOP / cHAZOP Study / PSM Audits | Singapore / Puerto Rico |
| Aventis Pharma | Provide Bowtie Training | Singapore |
| DSM | PSM/RMP Compliance Audit | USA |
| GSK Biologicals | PHA-HAZOP Leader Training / BowtieXP Licenses / EAC Assessment | Singapore |
| Johnson & Johnson/Ethicon | Boilers PHA Study - San Angelo | USA |
| LanzaTech | PHA Studies | USA |
| Merck | Conducted DHA training | China |
| Pfizer | PHA Study for API Plant in Michigan | USA |
| Zoetis | PHA Study / Audit Pilot Plant | Australia / India |

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## Agenda

- Digitalization of Process Safety Management (PSM)
- Challenges / Opportunities
- Case Studies
  - Corrosion Under Insulation (CUI)
  - Remote Inspection Support
  - Improved Workflows

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# Digitalization of Process Safety Management (PSM)

Connected Workforce
Augmented Workforce

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# PSM – Data → Information → Decisions

- Process Safety Management (PSM) requires making the right decisions at the right time using all the available information

- Data is readily available

- Challenge is to turn data to information and information to decisions

- Big crew change (changing workforce)

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# Challenges

- Workforce:
  - Agile
  - Young
  - Mobile

- PSM:
  - Heavy on Documentation
  - Subject Matter Expertise needed
  - Rules / Regulations / Standards

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# Our Approach

- Digital "hard hat" for the PSM Practitioner

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# Hands-free Wearables – RealWear

- Intrinsically Safe (IS) head mounted tablet (light weight)

- Voice activated / superb noise cancellation

- Built rugged (dust tight, drop proof, waterproof)

- Safe to operate while in the field (not obstructing the visibility)

- Fully supports MS Teams Collaboration including customizable workflows

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## DEMO

- Let's use it …

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# Case Studies and Lessons Learned

Using RealWear in the Field

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# Remote Collaboration and Training

- Compressor malfunctions in a remote location

- Noisy environment / SME not readily available / Downtime is costly

- RealWear works in the noisy environment / Easy to call a SME / Resolve issues quickly

- Hands-free / voice activated / camera for easy sharing

- Improved effectiveness and reduced downtime

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# Augmented Inspection

- Inspector in a remote location (or on a ladder)

- Remote environment / SME not readily available / Safety issues

- Take a quick picture or video / Easy to conference in SMEs

- Thermal camera / reporting function

- Improved safety and workflow

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# Digital Workflows

- Operator in the field

- Documents difficult to access / SME not readily available / Safety issues

- Open up a reference document / Follow workflow

- Support for workflows / Easy to use screen

- Improved productivity and workflow support

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# Lessons Learned

- Internet connection missing / lagging
  - Use hotspot (intrinsically safe)
  - Set the system to lower resolution
  - Use specific software to improve data transfer speed

- Communicate in noisy environments
  - Provide headphone

- Interacting with voice activation
  - Ability to pause voice activation to prevent unwanted commands

- Working at nighttime or dark areas
  - Use light on helmets or flashlight on RealWear device

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## Summary

- Need to transition from Data to Decisions
- Augmented Workforce will use wearables such as RealWear
- Hands-free, voice controlled, intrinsically safe, fully connected
- Better workflows, remote collaboration, improved inspections, and reduced downtime in the field

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# Thank you for your attention!

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