

POSITION: Site HSE Manager
ORGANISATION: PETROJET
INDUSTRY/SECTOR: oil and gas, petrochemicals and engineering
SOCIAL:



Member Profile:

Kareem Atef, MIIRSM



In this interview, Kareem Atef highlights his career to date, the reasons why he became a risk and safety management professional and how joining IIRSM can help you build and strengthen your skills, and support professional development

Tell us about your background, your current role and IIRSM membership grade

I am an experienced, technically-inclined, health, safety and environment (HSE) professional with more than ten years' experience in the oil and gas, petrochemical and engineering sectors.

I have been working for PETROJET since January 2008 and have been Site HSE Manager since October 2013. Founded in Egypt, the company operates as the construction arm of the country's petroleum sector. I am a member of IIRSM, having joined in 2017, and am also chair of the Egypt branch.

What prompted you to become a risk and safety management professional?

I decided to become a risk and safety management professional because I wanted to support employees to create a safe working environment so they can return home at the end of the day without any illnesses or injuries.

Tell us about why you joined IIRSM and how it has helped you

IIRSM is a well-recognised and respected organisation for risk and safety management professionals and being a member gives me access to a wealth of tools and resources that will support my professional journey.

The membership body has enabled me to further my learning and has given me access to like-minded professionals so I can share experiences and knowledge. Through a wide range of membership benefits, I feel more confident in my own abilities and better able to overcome any professional challenges. I would particularly highlight three specific membership benefits.

The first is the mentoring scheme, which has enabled me to connect with a risk and safety management professional who guides me and has

helped to enhance my competency and leadership skills. The second is the technical and legal helpline. As I am not UK-based, I have been able to use this service to access best practice advice. The final benefit is the Sentinel Magazine. This provides me with the latest news and updates on risk and safety management.

How can IIRSM membership help risk and safety management professionals?

IIRSM is a respected global professional organisation that champions risk and safety management and all of its membership benefits help its members to overcome challenges in their career.

Through IIRSM membership, you are also able to connect with a community of international members in more than 90 countries, who represent different risk disciplines.



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