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## **Transalpine Ölleitung in Österreich GmbH: Safety Culture Enhancement Program | In Hopfgarten in Defereggental started the new approach on safety.**

On Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the two-day TAL Austria Safety Conference kicked off at the Kulturhaus in Hopfgarten in Defereggental with employees, contractual partners, members of management from Germany and Italy and General Manager Alessio Lilli. Day one was dedicated to the presentation of the new Safety Culture Enhancement Program, which is based on Behaviour Based Safety (BBS) while Day two was dedicated to Specific Safety Trainings.

Behaviour Based Safety (BBS) is a proactive approach that pursues life-saving behaviour in all areas of the company, motivating people to recognize their actions' impact on safety and encouraging employees to adopt safe behaviour by leveraging on their sensitivity in order to eliminate hazards, prevent accidents and foster general workplace safety.

TAL Group strives for HSSE excellence, and this has only one meaning: zero accidents. Since ever safety is as a fundamental value for TAL always firmly anchored in our corporate culture. The new safety program leverages much more than before on behaviors, on our activities, our actions, on our lives without distinctions between working hours and not working time.

### **Employees and partner companies work under the motto "I am Safety"**

With the symbolic signing of the Safety Pact on March 5, 2024, the partner companies also renewed their commitment to health and safety with TAL Austria.

*"One of the cornerstones of TAL is safety at work. Having worked with the company for many years, it is also essential for us to support these principles and live them in our own company. After all, all employees should return home safe and sound to their families at the end of the day. Accidents at work not only cause a great deal of suffering for those affected, but also result in economic costs. In order to achieve optimum workplace quality, all existing hazards and health risks for employees must be systematically identified and assessed. I would like to take this opportunity to praise the company for organizing this year's Safety Day.*

*Thanks to the excellent presentation and the deeply emotional experience of doctor Sabatino de Sanctis, it was possible to make safety in the workplace a top priority and anchor it in the minds of those present."*

Ina Trost, Managing Director of TROST GmbH and contractor of TAL in Austria

*"Safety in the workplace is fundamental to PMS and a dedicated commitment to it is essential from all stakeholders. Together with TAL, we are committed to a safe and healthy working environment in which every employee actively contributes to preventing accidents and ensuring the well-being of all. We see the signing of the safety pact once again as an additional incentive to raise awareness of the issue of occupational safety and also to communicate it via other channels (keyword: emotion). From PMS's point of view, we find the event very enriching."*

Managing Director of PMS Elektro- und Automationstechnik GmbH

The HSSE (health, safety, security and environment) excellence is one of pillars of TAL strategy that aims to consolidate the safety culture and the awareness not only of the employees but also of external contractors. Update of the risk assessment, analyses of the relevant processes and the realization of specific training are just some of the foreseen initiatives. The target remains zero accident both for TAL Austria and the whole TAL Group.

### **The Transalpine Oil Pipeline in Austria GmbH**

The Transalpine Ölleitung TAL transports around 40 million tons of oil a year from the port of Trieste to the central European countries. The pipeline is supplying eight refineries in Austria, southern Germany and the Czech Republic and thus covers 100% of the oil demand of South Germany (Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg), 90% of Austria and 50% of the Czech Republic. The TAL Group consists of three national companies, each with its own headquarters in Italy, Austria and Germany. The headquarters of TAL Austria is located in Kienburg near Matri. 161 of the 753 kilometers of the Transalpine Pipeline run through the federal states of Carinthia, Tyrol and Salzburg. There are also two pumping stations in Kienburg and Gruben in the municipality of Matri, which provide the necessary pressure to transport the crude oil over the main Alpine ridge. At the Felbertauern, the pipeline reaches its highest geographical point (1572 m) in a pipeline tunnel, and the downhill section north of the Felbertauern has been used for energy production since 2018. The Taimeralm crude oil power plant is the first power plant in the world to generate CO<sub>2</sub>-free energy from oil flow.



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Partner companies and TAL employees (Managing Director Alessio Lilli third from left) at the Transalpine Ölleitung in Österreich GmbH Safety Day at the Hopfgarten Cultural Center. The motto of the new safety program is "I am Safety."

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