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Power Test Conference

As a full member company of NETA, Orbis sent two representatives to this year's conference in Texas. It is a conference designed to inform and educate those involved with electrical power systems. It was held March 9-12 2009 at the Grand Hyatt, San Antonio, TX.

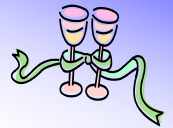
Conference Highlights:

- ⇒ Three conference tracks: Safety, Reliability and Equipment
- ⇒ Interactive Panel Sessions: 70E and Safety, Cable and Transformers.
- ⇒ Interactive Symposium : IEC 61850 Communication Protocol
- ⇒ Keynot3 Address: Carl Potter, CSP, CMC Who is responsible for safety?
- ⇒ Trade show with over 90 exhibitors, 12 educational seminars

If you wish to have more information about NETA, visit their website at www.netaworld.org

Congratulations

- ◆ To Matthew Thiel and Kate Crowley on their marriage on Jan 3/09.
- ◆ To Roberto and Farah Jimenez on their marriage.
- ◆ Vik and Anita Gautam on the birth of their son, Aditya on Jan 7/09.



Maintenance Planning Department

Orbis Engineering has qualified and experienced personnel in the area of project development, project controls and project planning. We provide project management for major maintenance projects as well as routine maintenance projects.

Orbis Engineering supports ERP's such as SAP, Primavera and IVARA.

The project controls and planning group offer services such as:

- ⇒ Maintenance Work-Scope Development & Planning
- ⇒ Technical Coordination
- ⇒ Creating and Managing Project/Commissioning Schedules
- ⇒ Procurement of Goods and Parts
- ⇒ Human Resources (Capacity Planning)
- ⇒ Financial Services (Cost Estimating, Budgeting and Analysis)
- ⇒ Reporting (Tracking and Analysis)
- ⇒ Classroom, Remote and Video SAP Training
- ⇒ Foundation Projects (Creating Master Data & PM Plans)

If you wish to obtain more information regarding this service please call us.



Charitable Contributions

We had our annual Christmas Party at the Derrick Club on December 22, 2008. This year we chose Santa's Anonymous as our charity. Overall, Orbis and our staff donated \$1,750.00 to Santa's Anonymous. Throughout 2008, Orbis has supported food banks in 18 different towns and cities throughout western Canada and the United States. Also through Orbis' matching contribution policy, employees and the company contributed over \$10,000 to local charities in 2008.

Bogota Conference

The conference was held November 5 & 6, 2008 in Columbia. Two of our engineers Amin Kassam and Azim Vira attended the conference sponsored by the University of Columbia. They presented the Canadian perspective on electrical safety and the Canadian regulations. They also discussed how a small company like Orbis has implemented the safety regulations, Canadian safety records, and product system safety.

