

PRESS RELEASE

ASCO quality management recertified

ASCO CARBON DIOXIDE LTD was successfully recertified according to DIN ISO 9001:2015 by the Swiss Association for Quality and Management Systems (SQS) at the beginning of 2021. The new certificate is valid for 3 years until 08 April 2024. Quality management has been a tradition for years at the CO_2 specialist at its main site in Romanshorn (Switzerland).

The standard basis for quality management is DIN ISO 9001:2015, which defines the requirements for corporate processes and is regularly monitored through internal audits and annual surveillance audits by an external certifier. When an organisation is audited, it must demonstrate that it is capable of providing products or services that meet customer requirements and legal and regulatory requirements.

ASCO has again passed the most recent inspection by SQS and, with the certificate, receives proof that ASCO has a management system that is suitable for fulfilling the requirements of the standard. This includes the structured identification of risks, self-assessment, for prevention, correction and continuous improvement of performance. Internal and external influencing factors, known risks and opportunities as well as the interests and expectations of relevant stakeholders are appropriately considered in ASCO's quality management system.

Marco Pellegrino, CEO of ASCO CARBON DIOXIDE LTD, is pleased with the successful audit: "The renewed certification with DIN ISO 9001:2015 is a gratifying confirmation for our company and employees that the processes work and that we are structurally well positioned. The wellcoordinated work processes have helped us, especially since the outbreak of the COVID19 pandemic, to cope with the enormous demand for dry ice production solutions despite home offices."

About ASCO

Swiss ASCO CARBON DIOXIDE LTD is a provider of complete CO_2 and dry ice solutions with customers worldwide. The product range includes CO_2 Production and CO_2 Recovery Plants, Dry Ice Blasting Units, Dry Ice Production Machines, CO_2 Cylinder Filling Systems, CO_2 Vaporisers, CO_2 Storage Tanks, CO_2 Dosing Systems for Water Neutralisation and various other CO_2 and dry ice equipment. Thanks to this broad product range and more than 130 years of practical experience in the wide field of CO_2 and dry ice, customers benefit from individual, complete CO_2 solutions from a single source. Since 2007 ASCO has been part of the international industrial gas enterprise Messer Group and is its competence centre for CO_2 . By joining forces with the German BUSE Gastek GmbH & Co. KG, based in Bad Hönningen, in the year 2014, the expertise and product portfolio was pooled and significantly expanded. This applies in particular to the complex field of CO_2 recovery. In July 2016, the US subsidiary ASCO CARBON DIOXIDE INC (ASCO Inc.), based in Jacksonville/Florida, was founded. ascoco2.com

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