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Collaboration between OHSa and MDA

The construction industry is deemed to be a high-risk environment in terms of occupational health and safety and can result in serious injuries and fatalities. It is also recognised that the greater majority of accidents are preventable if due care, adequate planning and suitable measures are taken throughout the duration of a construction project. This requires a strong commitment by all involved and the will to do things well and in the full observance of the law and good practices. Despite the progress registered in the field, especially when one considers the dramatic increase in building activities, the Malta Developers Association remains concerned about this matter and is committed to work with its members to strive for safer construction sites by working hand-in-hand with all competent authorities.

For this purpose, a meeting was held between the council of the Malta Developers Association and the Chief Executive Officer of the Malta Occupational Health and Safety Authority to discuss possible solutions and areas of collaboration in the interests of further improving the situation. It was agreed that if all the parties involved in the construction industry work together towards one common aim, the situation shall improve drastically.

During the meeting the parties discussed possible changes in the legislation being considered by OHSa to make the enforcement of Health and Safety legislation more efficient. Emphasis was also made to the need of strengthening and where necessary, clarifying the various responsibilities incumbent on the duty holders at law.

Moving forward, MDA has offered its full support to the OHSa in their mission to improve the current situation and is open to sit down with all stakeholders and discuss any improvements in policies, in everyone's best interest. This meeting will be followed by continuous and holistic discussions under the stewardship of OHSa to create the safest possible framework for the industry.

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