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**Headline:**

Doka completes first annual safety event at proposed 2022 FIFA World Cup QatarTM stadium site

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Formwork specialist participates in safety event at proposed venue for the 2022 FIFA World Cup QatarTM

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Doka successfully took part in the first annual safety training fair hosted by KEO in Qatar’s Al Wakrah Stadium construction site, according to a statement from the company.

The event, which opened with speeches from the multiple stakeholders involved with the stadium project, including Vernon Jackson, Programme Director at CH2M Hill, Abdulla Al Marri, Senior Project Engineer at the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy, as well as Mark Otter, Deputy Project Director at KEO, Matthew Statham, HSE Manager at KEO, Jason Kroll, Vice President and Regional Director at AECOM and Louay Rassam, Operations Manager from enabling works contractor HBK.

With a variety of events, starting with orientation, Doka’s team performed live demonstrations, illustrating the practical application of safety procedures in the formwork process. At the end of the fair, KEO, the project management consultant, sponsored an award ceremony where exemplary staff were acknowledged for their professionalism.

Speaking on behalf of Doka, Mr. Ralf Buerger, Managing Director Doka Qatar commented: “Qatar is developing very quickly. We are always conscious to not cut corners to save time - the safety processes involved in our industry are integral to the outcome of any project. No price can be placed on the wellbeing of the teams that work on this project, which is why events such as this are not only important in practical terms, but furthermore illustrate our commitment to promoting safety as an on going topic for discussion and improvement.”

The Al Wakrah Precinct, for which Doka is contracted by HBK Contracting Co. to supply formwork for the enabling package, is the first new-build stadium to be developed in advance of the 2022 FIFA World CupTM in Qatar. The 40,000-seat stadium, which had its first structural concrete poured last month, has taken a diligent approach to safety, as confirmed by Matthew Statham, KEO’s HSE manager for the precinct, who commented: “We observe that all safety measures are in place before works starts and we reward safety practices.

To date the Al Wakrah Precinct has successfully completed over one million hours of work without a lost-time incident, something that has only been possible thanks to the combined diligence of all stakeholders involved in this project.”

Doka is currently engaged on a number of ongoing projects in the Middle East including Abu Dhabi Midfield Terminal, the Doha Metro Greenline and Redline Underground and Elevated projects and the completed Al Sadd Multipurpose Sports Hall in Qatar.

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**ABOUT DOKA GROUP (GmbH) – “The formwork experts”**

Founded in 1958, the Doka Group was established in Amstetten, Austria where it supplied formwork and engineering solutions to the numerous infrastructure projects.

In 1961, the company expanded its operations to Germany and further to Brazil and Kuwait in 1977. With more than 160 sales and logistics facilities in over 70 countries, the Doka Group has a highly efficient distribution network which ensures that equipment and technical support are provided swiftly and professionally.

Supplying a range of products, systems and design services, including formwork panels, slab formwork, wall formwork, one-sided wall formwork, climbing formwork, tunnel formwork, dam formwork, bridge formwork, shoring/false work, tie systems and filed support, software and training, Doka’s business includes production, equipment sale & rental, engineering and maintenance.

An enterprise forming part of the Umdasch Group, the Doka Group employs a worldwide workforce of more than 6000. In 2013, the group’s combined revenues reached €1.1 billion of which 88% were generated from international projects.

**Captions:**

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Doka Qatar Formwork Instructor guides workers on **how to safely lift** Large-area formwork Top 50 panel before casting.

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Doka Qatar Formwork Instructor demonstrates to workers on **how to safely assemble** Large-area formwork Top 50 panel before casting. Photo: Doka