

## RISCO ZERO Program – Technological Innovation for Safety Culture Development

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### Abstract

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The identification and treatment of unsafe conditions is one of *Mineração Paragominas*' premises, seeking for a zero-incident work environment, reinforcing leadership commitment and empowerment for each employee, in a way that they can have an effective process to exercise these registries and follow-up their resolution. The "Risco Zero" tool is designed to guarantee that anyone can report an unsafe condition, risky behaviour, near-miss event or right of refusal through an online form that can be accessed by smartphone, via QR Code, or through paper blocks – pocket forms. Records can be classified at different levels, according to the risk's degree, and their follow-up is part of the leadership routine, established in the BABS (Bauxite & Alumina Business System) governance through weekly HSE inspections, that are guided to verify the attendance of "Risco Zero" reported items. With ease of registration, disclosure among areas and transparency in risk treatment, the tool had a 14-fold increase in the number of registrations - over 6,000 items - in comparison with 2017. This innovation led to a safer work environment, leading to a significative TRI reduction in 2018.

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### 1. Introduction

Mineração Paragominas has been consistently working on incident prevention, increasingly seeking people development and robustness in systems and processes, building a sustainable HSE culture. Through the critical global analysis of occurred HSE events in 2016 – which was the best year in terms of combined TRI frequency rate (0.72) – it was identified that the number of recorded near-misses was very low and the HSE team was challenged to propose something that would support a larger report of these events. As Reason [1] highlighted:

*"An inability to recognize and respect the full extent of the operational hazards can lead to the creation of more and longer-lasting holes in the defensive layers."*

During the discussion on the development of a proactive tool for identifying and effectively registering risks in HSE, some premises were adopted, which included the interface with the integrated management systems proposed by BABS and industry 4.0, embracing its use for all employees and visitors. In August 2017, a manual pocket form was initially developed, which would later be filled at an online form within SharePoint, supported by HSE facilitators from each area.

However, with the need for more accurate and agile records and response, a QR Code (Figure 1) was developed for direct access to the form, as well as the massive dissemination of the tool to all operational teams.



**Figure 1. QR Code disclosure.**

The design of the tool was developed in a way that makes the registry simple and intuitive, yet with traceability and minimum detailing of the inputs to be reported, which makes it possible to accurately identify the location of the registry and the risk condition.

With the tool update, the form migrated to Microsoft Forms, which allows the optimization of the records, including the immediate notification to the responsible area after the sending of any "Risco Zero". By providing agility in the communication channels and, consequently, risk treatment [2], improving these channels can improve the status of hazard reporting.

## **2. Method**

The "Risco Zero" issuer – when identifying an unsafe condition, risk behaviour, near-miss event or right of refusal – will access the online form (Figure 02) and fill in the fields, informing the location, nature of the event, issuer ID with its contacts, responsible area for the action, characteristic and classification of the risk, as well as describe the occurrence and the expected actions (optional). After completing the form, the record goes to the SharePoint database and is in the headlight of the responsible area.

#### **4. Conclusion**

The tool described here is a foundation that contributes positively to the HSE culture development at Mineração Paragominas, promoting awareness for stages that separate reactive or controlling mindset scenarios from proactive and generative levels.

It has been observed that “Risco Zero” main benefits were:

- Employees engagement and HSE awareness;
- Reduction of incidents;
- Visible leadership;
- Accountability – We are solving the problems with transparency and feedback.

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