

OUR PEOPLE

Domenico (Mimmo) Abbondanza H2S Safety Supervisor

Mimmo Abbondanza joined the Maersk H2S Safety Services family in 2011, during the shutdown at the Oil Centre in Viggiano, Italy.

“It was a very challenging project with a large amount of manpower and equipment requiring very precise planning, and I had the chance to be a part of this, as my first assignment with the MHSS team. I really enjoyed being part of the team, and after the shutdown was completed with an exceptional safety record, I joined the MHSS pool of H2S Safety Supervisor allocated to projects worldwide.”

What do you love about your job?

Meeting new people in each project and working in different cultural environments are two of the most enjoyable aspects of my job. I’m Italian, and we like to relate and share our life experiences with others, to get to know colleagues both during the job and outside, for example, when playing football together. I like a friendly, warm working environment where people support each other with a flat hierarchy, and I always try to build this up in every assignment, when possible.

I enjoy taking care of and maintaining our equipment, as everything bearing the MHSS logo shall reflect our world-leading position in gas safety and our professional and high standard.

What are your most memorable moments at Maersk H2S Safety Services?

Being part of the Zohr Gas Plant operations in Egypt was the most challenging assignment. I was in the operations from the very first day – a world-class operation reshaping the Mediterranean energy map. From working up on 40 meters high process towers to coordinating Emergency Teams during emergencies at the gas plant and mentoring the young local personnel, I can say that I cannot find two similar days during the three years of the assignment. One of the critical moments was when we responded to a massive H₂S leak lasting more than 2 hours in one of the plant areas with the highest concentration of H₂S gas. This was handled safely and professionally thanks to a well-prepared team and operations.

After a long day at the plant, I remember coming back to the Staff House, where I prepared a purely Italian style dinner for my colleagues, and I had the feeling that it was really enjoyed. That was a good feeling.



I also fondly remember several challenging assignments offshore and onshore in Brazil, the North Sea, Albania, and Italy.

Any advice for young people who want to enter the profession?

The Gas Safety profession do not tolerate shortcuts; you must do the job in one way only – the right way.

You're the most visible ambassador of your company – be a professional down to the smallest details.

In a multicultural environment the hardest thing to gain and the fastest to lose is the people's trust. Always acknowledge your limits and walk the talk.