

NEW E-LEARNING BRIDGES TIME AND DISTANCE TO MAKE HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING EASILY ACCESSIBLE

HAMILTON, ON (May 31, 2004) - In an ongoing effort to promote health and safety education by making it easy and convenient to receive training, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) launched its first, in a series, e-learning course.

Based on CCOHS' popular Health and Safety Training for Managers and Supervisors delivered over the years to "sold out" capacity in a classroom environment, the new e-learning course provides greater flexibility for managers, supervisors and those with health and safety responsibilities, to take the training they need to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. E-Learning is a cost effective training format, eliminating expenses related to lost time and travel, while providing access to the same high quality content. Participants can even interact with the course facilitator who will answer their questions and provide one-on-one guidance. The course, delivered over the Internet using a computer and browser, eliminates the barrier of distance as well as ensures that the training received is consistent.

CCOHS partnered with Vubiz, a leading e-learning solutions company, to develop the Health and Safety Training for Managers and Supervisors e-learning course. In a partnership agreement signed May 27, 2004, CCOHS and Vubiz formalized their commitment to develop training that will provide Canadian workers, management and businesses with the health and safety education and information they need to meet their responsibilities and develop a safety culture in the workplace, in easy-to-access, electronic format.

Several other courses are planned for release in 2004-05.

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About CCOHS

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS), formed in 1978, is a Canadian federal government agency based in Hamilton, Ontario. CCOHS provides Canadians with unbiased, relevant information and advice that supports responsible decision-making and promotes safe and healthy working environments. CCOHS makes a wide range of occupational health and safety information readily available, in language that is appropriate for all users, from the general public to the health and safety professional. Internationally, the Centre is renowned as an innovative, authoritative occupational health and safety resource. CCOHS partners and collaborates with agencies and organizations from Canada and around the world to improve the quality and quantity of resources and programs, as well as expand the breadth of usage of occupational health information to many different segments of society.

About Vubiz

Vubiz is a strategic e-learning solutions company that provides a full range of services from customized courseware production to distribution and management. Vubiz started in 1996 with an initial vision of helping growth-oriented companies become more globally competitive through the use of Internet learning technologies. Vubiz provides online education delivery systems, and assists in building workforce excellence with healthcare e-learning and knowledge solutions.