

**AMCHAM 22nd ANNUAL HSSE CONFERENCE
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**Sponsor's Remarks for
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Ladies and gentlemen, good evening and welcome to the launch of the 22nd Annual Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) Conference, one of the flagship initiatives of AMCHAM.

Atlantic has been the title sponsor of this Conference for the last four years and we are proud to be closely associated once again with this very important event and its significant contribution to safe industrial practice in Trinidad and Tobago and the region.

This evening's launch event focuses on the theme "**Case Management**".

As many of you would already know, Case Management is a key practice in the medical profession. It emphasizes collaboration among medical personnel and their evaluation of multiple options that help people achieve optimal health. While it is a practice in the realm of Health, Case Management reminds me of an incident we have been seeing in the news.

I'm referring to the underground, underwater rescue mission of the 12 young footballers in Northern Thailand, which was successfully completed earlier this week.

For the benefit of those who may not know, let me summarize the incident: the boys, ages ranging from 12 to 16, were trapped in a flooded cave system for just under 3 weeks. The rescue mission was well-coordinated and lasted over several days. You may be wondering, what does this have to do with case management? Well, the rescue team consisted of Thai Navy seal divers, British specialist cave divers, divers from the US military's Indo-Pacific Command and experts and rescue workers from China and Australia.

This international team of specialists assessed the rescue options – wait it out or swim out. It would have taken up to four months for the water to drain from the caves due to the monsoon season, the boys were not able to swim much less navigate out of cave waters and the already low oxygen levels were dropping in the caves. Despite these challenges, the experts assessed this case, devised a plan evaluating the options and completed the complex rescue.

The same concept of case management within this rescue operation can be applied across the board... within process safety... within good environmental practice... within occupational health. It is the coordination of services by a professional or team customized to address an identified situation.

Solutions need to be tailored to the situations. There is no one size fits all approach for health, no one size fits all approach for innovation. We cannot attain business success by looking at what other companies are doing, and merely copy and paste policies and procedures.

However, what we can do is use learnings from one other to better inform our own approach.

The wonderful thing about this HSSE Conference therefore is that it presents the opportunity for industry learnings. It is only through gatherings like these that will we be able to share ideas, explore business opportunities, build awareness, elevate industry standards of practice and raise the profile of case management in industry.

I would like to acknowledge the Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association and their partnership with AMCHAM on this occasion. I hope at the end of today's session, we will all have a better understanding of case management. I urge everyone to participate to the fullest in this year's Conference and to take the best examples back to your organisations. Ladies and gentlemen, once again Atlantic is pleased to be associated with this launch event and the 2018 AMCHAM HSSE Conference, and I thank you for your attention.