Preface

Whether you work in aerospace or on Wall Street, whether you are a safety engineer or an IT manager, *Climbing the Corporate Ladder—Safely!* will provide you with career insights and advice found nowhere else. Mark Hansen is well known among safety professionals, but his new book will introduce his frank, results-oriented perspective to a new audience. From his start as a systems engineer with Ford Aerospace to a corporate vice-president in charge of safety, health, and environmental compliance for an oil and gas company, Mark has experienced the ups and downs of corporate life in late twentieth-century America. A keen observer of corporate culture, always first to learn from his own mistakes, and a true believer in the value of continuing education, Mark has written a book that will speak to anyone, regardless of where they are in their career.

In emphasizing his belief in education, Mark has drawn on the works of many other writers for career advice, tempered with his own experience. In *Climbing the Corporate Ladder—Safely!* Mark Hansen doesn’t shrink from discussing the major challenges facing each of us if we invest in ourselves to create a meaningful and rewarding—both financially and personally—career. Whether your goal is to move up one rung or all the way to the top, the information and advice Mark provides will help you prepare for that next step.