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ASBESTOS AWARENESS AND MANAGEMENT POLICY

Geopure LLP understands that airborne contamination by fibres from asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) can endanger the health of anyone coming into contact with them. We therefore recognise our obligation to prevent disturbance of these materials.

The legal position

The duty to manage asbestos is governed by the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (CAR 2012) and applies to those who own, occupy and/or manage non-domestic premises. (**Note.** "Non-domestic premises" include all places which are not a dwelling, including the common and communal areas of blocks of apartments.)

The "duty holder/s" must identify ACMs in the building, determine the risks posed by asbestos and compile an asbestos management plan. We are contractors and as such the Duty Holder must provide asbestos registers on site before any work commences.

In addition to the requirements set out in CAR 2012 there are general duties under other legislation such as the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, to identify hazards, assess risks and protect anyone who could be harmed by the work. These general duties apply to all work, not only that which takes place in non-domestic premises.

Management responsibilities

The following responsibilities have been allocated:

Customers must ensure maintenance of the asbestos register, ensuring that it is readily available to all maintenance staff/ contractors and is kept up to date.

Customers are responsible for Informing staff and contractors of the location of known ACMs within the premises before they work in those areas and checking that their work will not disturb it.

If after obtaining information about the presence of asbestos on the premises we find that our work will disturb any ACM's the work will not be carried out, if we cannot find an alternative arrangement to avoid the ACM's we may request that the ACM is professionally removed before any work is carried out.

Documentation

Records of asbestos removal works must be provided if we have requested the removal to be carried out.

Employee responsibilities

Employees are not permitted to undertake any work which may damage or disturb asbestos.

If they suspect materials could contain asbestos and these could be disturbed during their work, employees must stop work and alert a supervisor or manager. If they are on a third party site they should also ask the representative responsible for the building for details of their asbestos register as this information will assist the manager in deciding how to proceed.



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Emergencies

Should materials which are suspected of containing asbestos be accidentally disturbed, our work will be stopped immediately and the relevant site contact informed. If necessary the area will be cordoned off and marked as out of bounds until an investigation and corrective measures have been carried out by qualified asbestos surveyors and removers.

David Myers

Director

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