

## Asbestos Project Management.

### Monitoring Services Case Study



Oceans-ESU Ltd were appointed as Asbestos Project Managers for an internationally recognised company that has over 450 retail outlets throughout the United Kingdom.

Of these 450 stores, many were built before 1985 when products containing asbestos were readily available and commonly used as building materials. Following recently introduced stricter asbestos legislation and the increased number of successful asbestos related health and safety prosecutions, Oceans-ESU Ltd advised that a proactive approach to asbestos management should be implemented.

This resulted in Oceans-ESU Ltd being awarded the contract to survey all of the stores that posed a potential asbestos health and safety risk. However, a number of aims and restrictions were imposed by the client, which significantly increased the magnitude of the project.

The surveying, interpretation, report writing and final recommendations had to be achieved within 6 months. Furthermore surveying could not interrupt store trading. Stores were to be categorised into a hierarchy based on health and safety risk potential and a realistic long-term asbestos removal schedule had to be developed based on a health and safety risk assessment. Finally, financial removal estimates had to be submitted and long-term support had to be provided to ensure legislative compliance and manage future removal programmes.

Prior to any surveys being undertaken an interactive database was developed based on a unique numerical hazard assessment system for ascertaining individual suspect product risk. Risk scores were formulated using an composite figure depending on the risk it posed to human health based on material type, condition, location, susceptibility to damage and exposure frequency.

To achieve the aims, Oceans-ESU Ltd assembled a dedicated project team with varied experience consisting of qualified asbestos surveyors, CAD draughtsmen, computer technicians, third party asbestos sample analysts, project managers and administration staff.

