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# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY SERVICES

## **Beyond Environmental Compliance**

A flexible approach to support and protect your business and improve your green credentials























### **Our Services**







# Environmental Consultancy Services

Environmental Consultancy Services With a comprehensive range of consultancy services, we can help you to assess, quantify and manage your relationship with the environment. This is an ideal option for businesses seeking guidance and support for maintaining compliance with legislation, avoiding prosecution and maintaining Environmental Management Systems. In many instances, addressing environmental issues also has a beneficial effect of cost savings to your business.

Taking advantage of the combination of both virtual and on-site working, our environmental consultancy experts are happy to help you with the specifics of your requirements, as we understand that every business is different. Their extensive experience and high levels of service will identify areas where you can make noticeable environmental achievements without the need for a full-time environmental specialist.

### Environmental Management Systems

EMS has an experienced consultancy team that can help your business to develop, implement and maintain your Environmental Management System – whether you are starting to prepare your system or it is already certified.

No matter the size of your business, our team of experts can help you implement an accredited or bespoke system, depending on your needs. You may already have a system in place and are looking to certify it to ISO14001:2015.

We will work with you to ensure your system continues to demonstrate your commitment to continuous environmental improvement by protecting the environment and maintaining compliance with legislation.

# Environmental Permits and Consents

To operate legally in the United Kingdom, many businesses require environmental permits and consents. Our team of environmental experts can help your business to identify which permits you require and help you to prepare and apply for the appropriate permit, discharge consent or exemption.

Our experienced consultants will liaise with the Environment Agency or regulatory body on your behalf, helping to make the process as efficient as possible. We can also help if you are looking to transfer or surrender your existing permit, or make a variation to it.

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## Environmental Impact Assessments

## Audits and Inspections

## **Environmental**Due Diligence

With a comprehensive range of services, we can help you to assess, quantify and manage the development of your business. This is an ideal option for organisations seeking guidance and support for planning applications for new or changing aspects of your premises and/or operations.

Taking advantage of our experience and established contacts with local authorities and relevant environmental organisations, our environmental consultancy experts are happy to help you with the specifics of your individual requirements. Using their extensive knowledge, your consultant will offer advice as they guide you through the planning process, ensuring all environmental factors are taken into account, and mitigated for the benefit of both your business and the environment.

EMS can provide professional environmental consultants that can help your business to identify and fully understand your environmental risks. They'll carry out audits and inspections that will identify positive and negative areas of environmental management, applicable environmental legislation and best practice. This will be followed up with recommendations that clearly outline how all areas of risk can be managed and reduced.

We always encourage companies to be proactive about audits as there are many potential benefits for the organisation and the environment. This includes preventing incidents, improving customer perception and confidence, financial savings and ensuring efficiency gains and accuracy, for example in informing the insurance process.

In business, some liabilities may be obvious, while others may be hidden. This is why due diligence is so important if you are considering a business or land purchase.

Our complete environmental due diligence service will identify the current conditions of a business or site, and determine any liabilities or non-compliance that you may inherit through an acquisition.

This will give you an excellent way to understand the current environmental performance of a potential investment and its associated risks. As well as ensuring you are prepared for anything you may need to deal with, this process can help you to avoid unforeseen costs and also assist with securing investment and the appropriate insurance cover for the business being purchased



## **Clugston** Case Study



# Clugston Construction successfully transitioned to new ISO 14001:2015 standards

#### **Client Benefits**

Clugston Construction Ltd held a certification to BS EN ISO 14001:2004, the internationally recognised standard for Environmental Management Systems. An updated version of the standard was released in 2015 and in order to keep their certification Clugston were required to transition to the new standard by September 2018.

"In operating as our Virtual Environmental Manager, EMS effectively work as an integrated member of our team. The transition to the 2015 standard was as seamless and straightforward as it could have been, EMS provided first class service and support."

Steve Radcliffe Managing Director Clugston Construction

### The Client

Clugston Construction Ltd is an award-winning regional building and civil engineering contractor and a member of the privately owned Clugston Group, established over 77 years ago. They aim to deliver professional services whilst maintaining the same values of looking after people, the local community and the environment. EMS has worked alongside Clugston since 2011 and previously helped them implement the now updated ISO 14001 environmental management standard.

### Challenges

It was important for Clugston to update the ISO standards to the new BS EN ISO 14001:2015 for tendering purposes and as a business that are keen to operate in an environmentally conscious manner. The major changes to the standard involve looking more strategically at risks and opportunities to enable the business to be more environmentally proactive. This includes changing the way that people think about environmental management to ensure that it is considered at every level and is not just seen as a 'tick box exercise'.



### The Solution

EMS worked with Clugston providing environmental consultancy services, a flexible service which EMS offers to provide environmental support to businesses. With several consultants on hand, EMS were able to provide Clugston with the knowledge and expertise to effectively manage the transition over to the new ISO14001 standard. Transition to new standards involved reviewing and updating policies and procedures and facilitating meetings to ensure that requirements were properly considered. EMS liaised with key members of staff to ensure top down involvement. By managing the whole process, EMS took away the stress and worry that transitioning to new standards can have on a business.

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### **GMI Construction** Case Study



## EMS provides environmental support to GMI Construction.

### **Client Benefits**

GMI Construction benefits from the Environmental Support Service that EMS provides as it ensures their environmental risks are managed effectively and helps them to maintain legal compliance on all sites. This flexible service provides GMI with access to of a team of experienced environmental consultants as and when they require assistance.

"By utilising the expertise of EMS and fully understanding all environmental compliance requirements, we have managed to elevate our business to a higher level of 'environmental best practice'. This has also helped GMI Construction Group Plc attain the maximum score available for the environment in a recent Considerate Constructors site audit on a major project in the North East".

Martin Watson, Construction Director GMI Construction.

### The Client

GMI Construction is a well-established building and construction services company. They have a proven track record delivering award-winning projects for a diverse, international portfolio of clients. GMI Construction is the construction arm of the wider GMI group of companies.

### Challenges

As an established company within the construction and building services arena, it is paramount for GMI to be environmentally proactive. EMS initially assisted GMI with ad hoc environmental consultancy and training services, including SEATS courses, gap analysis and waste documentation training. Following this, GMI approached EMS for consultancy support to ensure environmental matters and compliance remain at the forefront of their business.

### The Solution

EMS worked with GMI Construction providing Environmental Consultancy Services, a flexible service which EMS offers to provide environmental support to businesses. EMS assisted GMI with site audits, SEATS courses, legal advice, CL:AIRE Materials Management Plans and production of environmental reports. With a team of experienced consultants on hand, GMI are confident that environmental risks are being managed effectively and their operations and activities are legally compliant with all applicable environmental legislation applicable to their operations and activities.







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### **Testimonials**

"Good environmental performance is fundamental to our business and as environmental business demands grew beyond our existing capacity, our previous experience of EMS lead us to consider that outsourcing would provide us with the best solution. It is evident to me that we have been able to improve compliance, awareness and performance within our business in a cost effective manner through the capability and flexibility of FMS"

Steve Radcliffe Managing Director Clugston Construction

"Environmental Monitoring Solutions provided Woolley Brothers with assistance when applying for our environmental permit. The EMS consultancy staff was fantastic and the service that we received was second to none. I would recommend Environmental Monitoring Solutions for all environmental issues and consultancy. Their support and knowledge was priceless"

Darren Hale Technical Manager Woolley Brothers Wholesale Meats Ltd "We appointed Environmental Monitoring Solutions Ltd (EMS) following a tender to assist us with the development of our Environmental Management System and gaining ISO14001 accreditation. They have helped us greatly in analysing our current systems, identifying areas for improvement and taking the lead in developing and documenting our systems."

Greg Freeman Facilities Operations & Health and Safety Manager Learndirect

## Our Experts



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#### Specialist Areas

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