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## CLIENT AND DEMO COMPANY BOTH FINED OVER ASBESTOS INFORMATION FAILURE

Following Asbestos Insulating Board (AIB) debris being found in a skip on a demolition site, the HSE investigated and decided that two parties had failed in their duty under the Control of Asbestos Regulations (CAR) 2012. The Courts have found that the Client company did not supply the Contractor with the information they held at tender stage, which impacted on the Contractor's ability to risk assess prior to quoting. It was also found that the Contractor should have recognised this failure and could have commissioned their own R&D survey, to enable a suitable and sufficient assessment to be made.



The Client company was fined £120k plus costs, and the Contractor £45k plus costs, after pleading guilty to two breaches of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and a breach of CAR 2012.

## UK RESEARCH - GLOBAL IMPACT

UK Universities have undertaken research which has made a contribution to the understanding of environmental impact for nearly every country in the world.

Whether it is Sustainable Development, Conservation of Biodiversity or the impact on Marine Environment, policy makers globally within both Governments and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are using the Universities evidenced based research to drive their decision making.

Typically the research is gathering evidence, designing tool to analyse the data and create models to predict environmental changes,

informing the setting of targets and driving the need to mitigate the risk.



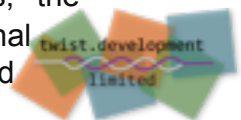
Studies on biodiversity conservation have highlighted the need to place controls on Farming, Fisheries and Logging i.e the management of tropical forests.

Impacts on the marine environments include assessments of offshore wind farms v's oil/gas exploration and ecological assessment ensuring viability of healthy fish populations.

## NEW LOOK WEBSITE



In conjunction with Twist Development our Website has undergone an overhaul. Our previous site had been developed in-house using a drag and drop type page builder. With our continued success, the decision was taken to commission a professional company to develop a bespoke site, and optimise our search engine visibility.



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