

Case Study

AN **idom** GROUP COMPANY

Project

Saica Packaging Sites – 8 UK Plants

Date

2008-2009

Client

Saica Packaging UK

Budget

£80K

Services Provided

Asbestos surveying

Overview

Idom Merebrook was appointed to survey eight paper packaging plants throughout the UK following their acquisition by Saica from SCA. Merebrook undertook asbestos surveys of areas within the packaging plants whilst they were operational.

The surveys were undertaken in accordance with the HSE's MDHS 100 Type 2 survey and then to the HSE's HSG264 standard within 2010. A Type 2/Management Survey is the standard survey undertaken. Its purpose is to locate, as far as reasonably practicable, the presence and extent of any suspect Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) in a building which could be damaged or disturbed during normal occupancy, including foreseeable maintenance and installation, and to assess their condition. The Type 2/Management surveys involved minor intrusive work and some disturbance. The extent of intrusion varied by premises and depended on what was reasonably practicable for individual properties, i.e. it depended on factors such as the type of building, the nature of construction, accessibility etc.

The Type 2/Management surveys included an on site assessment of the condition of the various ACMs and their ability to release fibres into the air if they were disturbed in some way. The surveys involved sampling and analysis to confirm the presence or absence of ACMs. Apart from the location of the sample points no excessive damage was caused during the surveys and any areas that were not accessed, as damage would be caused in doing so, were noted within the reports and presumed to contain asbestos. The surveys were undertaken whilst the buildings were still in use by Saica so Merebrook worked in close liaison with the operations managers on a daily basis regarding safe access through the sites. Annotated CAD drawings were produced highlighting the asbestos found within the surveys. Full photographic reports were published indicating the location, quantity and condition of the asbestos identified. During 2009 areas of some of the sites were due for refurbishment and as such a more intrusive level of survey was undertaken which included the writing of removal specifications to enable tendering removal contractors to price for subsequent works.



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