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## Method Statement

### ASBESTOS SURVEY INVESTIGATION

Client [[Click here](#) type Client name]

Site Ref [[Click here](#) type survey location or Ref]

Address [[Click here](#) and type site address]

Survey Month / Year [[Click here](#) type Month & Year]

Survey Type **1 (Visual Inspection)**

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## Project Particulars

### Name, Nature and Location of Project

A Type 1 Asbestos Survey to [[Click here](#) and type the location of the survey and the site address]

## Employer and Consultants

### Employer

[[Click here](#) and type the client and client address]

### Employer Contact

[[Click here](#) and type the client contact name]

### Project Management

[[Click here](#) and type the Project Management name, contact / address details]

### Project Manager

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## Scope Of Work

Carry out a type 1 survey in accordance with the current MDHS 100, to determine the presence of any asbestos bearing materials within, [[Click here](#) and type the location of the survey and the site address]

Start Date	Duration	Number of Operatives
[ <a href="#">Click here</a> and type start date]	[ <a href="#">Click here</a> and type duration]	[ <a href="#">Click here</a> and type number]

## Assessment

A Type 1 survey is to be carried out to [[Click here](#) and type survey location and site address] as outlined in the current MDHS 100.

**Note: An operative's risk assessment will be completed once the surveyors have carried out a walk through of the area.**

## Survey Procedures

All specified areas within [[Click here](#) and type survey location and site address] will be inspected physically, functional space by functional space to determine the presence of asbestos containing materials in accordance with in house documented procedures ref: Asbestos Surveying Procedures Manual and based on current HSE guidance MDHS 100. The Surveyor/s shall accomplish all tasks necessary to identify all asbestos containing materials. This task shall include, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Conduct a thorough on-site visual inspection. Inspection shall be scheduled and co-ordinated with the Client representative and conform to the approved work schedule. During the inspection, the Surveyor/s shall identify and quantify the suspected material.
2. Indicate all areas of homogenous material, without regard to the results of subsequent laboratory bulk analysis, either on a set of building floor plans or schematic drawings (to be supplied by the Client) or in tabular form.
3. Identify the functional spaces on the drawings.
4. Identify all locations where asbestos-containing material may be present but cannot be sampled, with the reason it cannot be inspected.
5. Complete the Survey, listing all functional spaces where asbestos containing material is strongly suspected to be present, through uniformed composition of previously sampled materials.
6. Complete a Survey Summary Form for suspect asbestos containing material, whether later proven to contain asbestos or not.

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## Bulk Sampling Procedures

1. The Surveyor/s under the terms of this type of survey does not conduct bulk sampling of suspected asbestos containing materials. The purpose of this survey is to identify suspected asbestos containing materials by visual means only.

*Note: Suspect materials, which would be irreparably damaged by the sampling procedure in a manner that would violate the functional integrity of the material, must be assumed to be asbestos containing materials. The material must be documented throughout the report as assumed asbestos containing material.*

2. The visual inspection of suspected asbestos containing materials shall, wherever possible, take into account the following criteria:
  - a) Visual appearance
  - b) Texture
  - c) Use (including but not limited to: ceilings, floors, walls, boilers, tanks, furnaces, other mechanical equipment, ceiling tiles, floor tiles, pipe wrapping, elbow materials, valve materials, on structural members, decks, beams, duct work, in fire doors, stage curtains, insulated protective clothing, laboratory apparatus and equipment).
  - d) Relative date of installation

Where there is any doubt that a material may contain asbestos where, due to the nature of the survey, a sample is not taken, then that item must be presumed to contain asbestos. This is as per current HSE guidance (MDHS 100).

## Emergency Procedures

1. Personal Injury
  - a) Ensure that the injured person is free from further injury and safe.
  - b) Immediately contact the client representative.
  - c) Immediately inform or have the Powell Padilla head office informed.

2. Fire

In the event of a fire the procedure will be:

- a) Raise the alarm, evacuate the area and assemble at the designated assembly point.
- b) Immediately contact the client representative.
- c) Immediately inform or have the Powell Padilla head office informed.

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# Risk Assessment

**RISK ASSESSMENT: STAGE ONE**

TASK: SURVEYING AND SAMPLING FOR ASBESTOS		ASSESSMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 2007											ASSESSOR: RYAN POWELL			
		People At Risk			Worst Outcome				Likelihood/Probability					Score	Hazard 1	Hazard 2
HAZARDS IDENTIFIED		PPP Staff	Public	Cont	Fatal 5	Major 4	Over 3 day inj 3	Slight 2	Definite 5	Prob 4	Poss 3	Unlikely 2	Remote 1			
FALLS FROM HEIGHT	Hazard 1	✓				✓				✓				15	MED	
	Hazard 2	✓				✓					✓			12		MED
BACK INJURY FROM MANUAL HANDLING	Hazard 1	✓				✓					✓			15	MED	
	Hazard 2	✓				✓						✓		10		MED
ASBESTOS RELATED DESEASE FROM SAMPLING	Hazard 1	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				15	MED	
	Hazard 2	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓		10		MED
INJURY FROM USE OF HAND TOOLS	Hazard 1	✓					✓				✓			9	MED	
	Hazard 2	✓					✓					✓		6		LOW

OUTCOME x LIKELIHOOD/PROBABILITY = SCORE = HAZARD RATING 2-8 LOW RISK (9-17 MEDIUM RISK) (18-25 HIGH RISK)

SCORE OVER 9 - COMPLETE STAGE TWO ASSESSMENT

## RISK ASSESSMENT: STAGE TWO

TASK: SURVEYING AND SAMPLING FOR ASBESTOS		ASSESSMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 2007		ASSESSOR: RYAN POWELL	
HAZARD (SCORING 9 AND ABOVE)	Current Controls (Describe All Include Training, Etc.)	Any Further Action Required	By Whom	By Date	Review Date
<b>INJURY FROM FALL AT HEIGHT</b>	<p>Ladders and step ladders are justified for use for short term inspection or sampling over whole buildings</p> <p>Three points of contact are generally maintained during this process</p> <p>Pre-use and monthly ladder safety checks</p> <p>Maximum surveying height up to 3 meters on steps</p> <p>Safe system for use of ladders</p>	<p>Manual handling Instruction to be given</p> <p>Training on safe use of ladder and step ladders to be given</p> <p>All surveying staff given HSE documents</p> <p>Surveyors instructed not to work on or near fragile surfaces</p>	Monitored by Manager	Training to be given before task is undertaken	Annually or after any accident
<b>BACK INJURY FROM MANUAL HANDLING</b>	Individual items, ladder and tool box weighing less than 25kg	<p>Manual Handling Training and Instruction</p> <p>Safe systems of work</p>	Monitored by Manager	Training to be given before task is undertaken	Annually or after any accident
<b>ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE FROM SAMPLING</b>	All surveyors have P402 and follow in house procedures manual - MDHS100	<p>All staff follow company policy and procedures</p> <p>Quarterly RPE checks</p> <p>Monthly surveying kit checks</p>	Monitored by Manager	Training to be given before task is undertaken	Annually or after any accident
<b>INJURY FROM USING HAND TOOLS</b>	<p>Hand tools selection controlled</p> <p>Staff instructed in safe use of tools</p>	No	Monitored by Manager	Training to be given before task is undertaken	Annually or after any accident