



PROJECT SUMMARY

Due Diligence Auditing (Phase I ESA) Confidential Client, Various European Sites



KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

- **HISTORICAL REVIEW**
- **REVIEW OF
GEOLOGICAL,
HYDROGEOLOGICAL
AND
GROUNDWATER
VULNERABILITY**
- **SITE INSPECTION**
- **REVIEW OF CURRENT
SITE DATA**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPLIANCE AUDIT**
- **PUBLISHED
GUIDANCE**
- **REPORTING**

CRA was commissioned by an automotive parts manufacturer to carry out Due Diligence Audits (Phase I Environmental Site Assessments) at 20 different sites located across Europe. The sites ranged in sizes from 15,000 to 50,000 square metres and included manufacturing plants in Belgium, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Slovakia

The assessments were carried out for the purpose of identifying the potential environmental conditions and liabilities of the sites, associated with prior or current activities conducted at or adjacent to the sites, on behalf of a potential new major shareholder. The assessments were carried out in general accordance with the ASTM Standard E1527-00 "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments".

The assessment included a desktop study of geological and hydrogeological data, previous investigation data and a search of environmental databases. CRA conducted site inspections for each of the properties, which included a review of former and current operations, waste and raw material handling, storage and disposal practices associated with the facility and visual inspections of the site and surrounding areas. The sites were visually inspected for evidence of surface staining or spills, presence of asbestos, ionising radiation, PCBs, hazardous wastes, storage practices, condition of storage containers and protective infrastructure and unusual (colour/odour) of air and water emissions. CRA also reviewed available on-site records, permits and licences to evaluate compliance issues of the site against local environmental regulations, interviewed knowledgeable site personnel and contacted local regulatory agencies.

Separate reports were produced for each of the site. The reports included a summary of the above noted items and identified any recognized environmental conditions, as well as potential issues regarding compliance with the required environmental regulations and environmental management practices.

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