

Description of the AIMS Scheme

Asbestos In Materials Scheme (AIMS) assesses the performance of laboratories carrying out the identification of asbestos in bulk materials. The AIMS scheme is operated by HSE, which oversees management, registration, and membership matters together with distribution of the samples and processing the participant data.

Republic of Ireland (ROI) laboratories accredited to ISO 17025 by the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB), which undertake analysis of materials suspected of containing asbestos, are required to participate in AIMS. Non- INAB accredited ROI laboratories undertaking materials analysis are required by the Irish Health and Safety Authority (HSA) to maintain a satisfactory performance in the AIMS scheme.

Significance and interpretation of classifications

A laboratory will receive one of four classifications – Good, Acceptable, Unsatisfactory or Awaiting Classification – for each period covered by three consecutive rounds.

Good – awarded when the cumulative score over 3 rounds is 7 or less

Acceptable - awarded when the cumulative score over 3 rounds is from 8 to 32

Unsatisfactory – awarded when the cumulative score over 3 rounds is more than 32

Unclassified – reserved for participants awaiting classification (those who haven't completed 3 rounds of AIMS).

This 3 round classification is the primary assessment measure because it reflects the performance of a laboratory over a period of time. The aim of every laboratory should be to achieve and maintain a Good or Acceptable performance in AIMS.

This report lists those laboratories that have achieved a Good or Acceptable Performance. Laboratories are listed in alphabetical order.

Please note that laboratories “Awaiting Classification” and “Unsatisfactory” laboratories are not included in this list.

Good (Cumulative Score 0-7)

About Safety Ltd

24 Ocean Crest, Abbeylands, Arklow, Co Wicklow, Y14W658 Republic of Ireland

Celtic Asbestos Consultancy Ltd

Unit 60, Grange Way, Baldoyle Industrial Estate, Baldoyle, Dublin, D13 F8F5 Republic of Ireland

MDK Analytical Ltd

Unit 1F, Eastlink Business Park, Carrigtwohill, Cork, Co.Cork, T45Y381 Republic of Ireland

OHSS Ltd

Unit 2 Beat Centre, Stephenstown Industrial Estate, Balbriggan, Dublin, K32YF79 Republic of Ireland

Acceptable (Cumulative Score 8-32)

Phoenix Environmental Safety Ltd

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