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### **Environmental Scientifics Group enhances asbestos services**

#### *New UKAS accredited services and improved turnaround times*

29 July 2010 - Environmental Scientifics Group (ESG), the UK's leading environmental compliance specialist is very proud to announce that it has now been accredited not only with the screening and identification of asbestos in soils, but with full quantification of asbestos in soils using its own in-house UKAS accredited method.

This allows ESG to now provide the full service of analysis of asbestos in soils.

Stage 1 - initial screening for the presence of asbestos

Stage 2 – Picking, Weighing and initial quantification of Asbestos containing Material

Stage 3 - further quantification using Phase Contrast Microscopy (PCM)

The new service is provided at ESG's newly opened Super Lab based in Bretby, Burton on Trent and is one of the few laboratories that have been awarded UKAS accreditation for full quantification of asbestos in soils.

Additionally, ESG is also UKAS accredited for providing management and refurbishment/demolition surveys in accordance with the latest asbestos survey guidelines. Published on 29 January 2010, HSG 264 contains the most up to date guidelines on surveying, sampling and assessment of asbestos-containing materials in commercial, industrial and domestic properties.

As well as increasing its testing capabilities, earlier this year, ESG increased its servicing capacity with the opening of a fourth bulk analysis laboratory and the ability to offer a 24 hour turnaround time for single samples.

Alex Sleeth, ESG CEO said: "At Environmental Scientifics Group, we are always looking for ways to use our expertise to benefit customers. The latest UKAS accredited services, coupled with the increased capacity from the new laboratory has been well received. In fact, our newly launched 24 hour turnaround on single samples is a service that clients are already finding invaluable."

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### Notes for Editors

#### **About Environmental Scientifics Group (ESG)**

Environmental Scientifics Group, or ESG as most people know it, is the UK's leading company in environmental inspection, testing and consultancy. Grown out of the combination of a number of strong businesses including Environmental Services Group and Scientifics, ESG prides itself on the levels of accreditation it holds within its businesses and has a long standing reputation of delivering the highest level of service to its clients.

ESG has been a significant driver of change and innovation within the industry, driven by legislation, international standards and the economic climate. Today, the business enjoys unrivalled expertise and breadth of scope across a large and diverse range of market sectors covering Geotechnical Services, Environmental Safety Compliance, Materials Testing and Laboratories and Analytical Services. For more information visit [www.esg.co.uk](http://www.esg.co.uk)

#### **About asbestos and ESG**

An estimated 1.5 million buildings in the UK today, still contain asbestos. The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006, prohibits its importation, supply and use. Regulation 4 requires the “dutyholder” (person or organisation that has clear responsibility for the maintenance or repair) of non-domestic premises to meet a number of legal obligations, such as:

- assessing the risk of asbestos exposure
- keeping an up-to-date record of its location and condition and sharing this with those who may be liable to come into contact with it
- creating and implementing a plan to manage the risk

ESG can support businesses in meeting their objectives and complying with the regulations.

It has over 100 asbestos specialists, providing asbestos services including:

- Asbestos surveys and assessment
- Contaminated land investigation expertise
- Statutory re-inspections
- Sampling and material identification in UKAS accredited laboratories
- A complete air monitoring and 4-stage clearance in accordance with HSG248
- Occupational exposure monitoring
- 24/7 emergency call out
- Advice on the development of policy and risk management systems, including health and safety
- Training