

# Safety Schemes in Procurement Newsletter

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*“Our mission is to facilitate and maximise mutual or cross recognition of health and safety assessments between SSIP member schemes, wherever it is practicable to do so.”*

The Safety Schemes in Procurement Forum (SSIP) was launched in May 2009 with the active support of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and stakeholders, key trade associations, certification bodies and others across the construction industry.

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## Chairman's Welcome and Introduction



**I am very pleased to be introducing the SSIP newsletter as the forum's newly-elected Chair and would like to thank Paul Reeve for his significant contribution, in his role as acting chair, to the development of SSIP during 2016.**

SSIP is now a leading player in health and safety pre-qualification, helping to ensure straightforward reduction of duplication and bureaucracy within the supply chain for both buyers and suppliers.

As the new Chair of SSIP I intend to increase further the number of Supporter, Registered and Affiliate members and improve industry and stakeholder recognition of SSIP. I am passionate about health and safety and, during the two years I have been on the Forum Membership Group (FMG), I have demonstrated my commitment to the SSIP ethos and actively promoted its membership benefits.

I believe health and safety should be as simple and straightforward as possible. As managing director of a SME I am committed to reducing bureaucracy. I am looking forward to working with the FMG to develop guidance and standards that are both robust and fair, and which fully encompass all SSIP member schemes, to ensure cohesion between health and safety pre-qualification standards.

Finally, a message to colleagues in other SSIP member schemes: two of SSIP's key strengths are the diversity of its membership and our ability to work together to achieve our common goal. I firmly believe that the best way to shape the future of SSIP is for its member schemes to contribute directly to SSIP's plans, activities and outputs. I am excited that SSIP offers a unique opportunity for members to contribute to the development of health and safety assessment standards, drawing on specialist knowledge and experience from a wide range of sectors.

I look forward to working with you all and to helping our customers benefit from straightforward, cost-effective, supply-chain health and safety pre-qualification.

***Eleanor Eaton***

## Stakeholder support for SSIP

The SSIP Forum was launched with the support of the Health and Safety Executive and other stakeholders, including buyers and trade associations.

In its guidance to complying with the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, the Health and Safety Executive says: "Designers or contractors can use the services of an independent (third-party) assessor to assess (a supplier's) organisational capability. If they do, there are companies that provide pre-qualification assessment services, including those

who are members of the Safety Schemes in Procurement (SSIP) Forum." The guidance adds that while this is not the only way to arrange for a suitable assessment, "SSIP assessment is one way a designer or contractor can demonstrate organisational capability at the pre-qualification stage".

Source: *Managing health and safety in construction: Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 - Guidance on the Regulations (L153)* is at:

[www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l153.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/books/l153.htm)

## AUTUMN FORUM MANAGEMENT GROUP ELECTION

In September, SSIP held its Forum Management Group (FMG) elections. The results were as follows:

<b>Chair</b>	Eleanor Eaton, CQMS Ltd
<b>Vice-chair (formerly interim chair)</b>	Paul Reeve, ECA
<b>Forum Management Group directors (elected in September 2016)</b>	Andrew Cleere, BSI Eleanor Eaton, CQMS Ltd Alex Gosney, Laing O'Rourke Joe Laverick, SMAS Charles Smith, Altius VA
<b>Forum Management Group directors (permanent, as founders)</b>	David Bishop, Build UK Ganey Bond, Constructionline Mark Gouldstone, NHBC Dale Jones, Exor Paul Reeve, representing SEC Group Suzie Walker, CHAS



For the first time, members of the FMG also became non-remunerated directors of SSIP. Earlier this year, SSIP became a not-for-profit company, following FMG agreement that company status will help SSIP pursue its core mission and objectives more effectively.

## FREE PORTAL DIRECTS BUYERS TO SSIP-ASSESSED SUPPLIERS

The SSIP 'Portal' continues to give buyers free, rapid access to essential information on over 50,000 suppliers who have already been assessed, or certified by SSIP Member Schemes.

If you are a buyer – or a potential buyer – you can sign up to the Portal and start using this valuable facility right away. This will allow you and your suppliers to share fully in the commercial benefits of cross-recognition between SSIP Member Schemes.

Figures continue to show extensive and growing use of the Portal. The latest update to the Portal went live earlier this year. The Portal now records when SSIP Members successfully grant a certification based on cross-recognition, and by October 2016, over 5,000 SSIP member certificates have been issued on this basis. This is a significant saving to industry in both time and money.

Please note: Use of the SSIP Portal is free (subject to user conditions. It is a highly effective tool for checking

the status of a supplier's SSIP member assessment, but not a general search tool for suppliers. If you would like to find out more about the SSIP Portal, go to: [www.ssiportal.org.uk](http://www.ssiportal.org.uk)

## SSIP SUPPORTER AND AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIPS

Companies and organisations across industry that support SSIP's mission and main objectives are invited to become SSIP Supporter Members\*. As such, they show their commitment to helping buyers and suppliers achieve better value, notably by avoiding unnecessary duplication, or unnecessarily different requirements, during health and safety pre-qualification.

Supporter members:

- have a voice in the further development of SSIP and its standards and guidance;
- can advise SSIP on industry good and best practice, and offer other specialist advice that improves how SSIP and its schemes operate;
- can attend all Full Forum Meetings, with full voting rights;
- are eligible for election to the SSIP Forum Management Group (FMG);
- may use the SSIP 'Supporter Member' logo (right); and
- are publicised as 'Supporter Members' on the SSIP website and various other SSIP outputs.



We have also launched an Affiliate Member category for assessment schemes that aim to join SSIP but which do not currently meet the requirements for full membership\*. Full membership of SSIP is only open to health and safety assessment schemes that have been operating with commercial viability for at least 24 months, and which meet SSIP member requirements.

With this in mind, the new category of Affiliate Member allows prospective members to develop a better understanding of SSIP's mission and aims, and how it operates. Affiliate membership can last for a maximum of two years, and it confers the right to use an 'SSIP Affiliate Member' logo.

\*Both categories involve a membership fee that helps support SSIP activity. To find out more about either category, please contact SSIP, without obligation, at: [www.ssip.org.uk](http://www.ssip.org.uk)

## SSIP FORUM MEMBERSHIP

As of June 2016, the SSIP Forum has:

- 25 Registered Member (Assessment) Schemes
- 22 Certification Body Members (OHSAS 18001 certification)
- 11 Supporter Members

### SSIP Member Assessment Schemes

Acclaim Accreditation	FASET Membership Audit
Alcumus Safecontractor	Greenlight Safety Assessment Scheme
Altius VA CDM Comply	HSAS
Association for Project Safety	Laing O'Rourke Contractors HSE Assessment Scheme
ARB Approved Contractor Scheme	MSL Safepartner
Avetta (formerly PICS)	National Accreditation Scheme for Safety & Health
British Constructional Steelwork Association	National Association of Shopfitters
Building & Engineering Services Association	National House-Building Council
Contractors' Health and Safety Assessment Scheme	Safemark
CQMS Safety Scheme	Principal Safety
D W Health & Safety	Safe-T-Cert (Construction Employers' Federation)
Eurosafe UK	Safety Management Advisory Services
Exor H&S Qualified	Worksafe (operated by BM Trada)

### Certification Body Members (UKAS-accredited or equivalent)

ACM Limited	<b>Supporter Members</b>
ACS Registrars	British Approvals for Fire Equipment
AJA Registrars	Build UK
Alcumus Isoqar	CIC
British Assessment Bureau Limited	Civil Engineering Contractors' Association
British Standards Institution	Constructionline
Bureau Veritas	Danny Sullivan Group Ltd
Certification International (until 15 November 2016)	Electrical Contractors' Association
DAS Certification Ltd	Health and Safety Executive
DNV Certification	John Murphy MBE
DQS UK Limited	Specialist Engineering Contractors' (SEC) Group
ERM Certification & Verification Services	VolkerWessels UK
Exova BM Trada	
IMS International	
Intertek Certification Limited	
Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance	
NQA	
NSAI	
Ocean Certification	
Steel Construction Certification Scheme	
SGS Systems & Services	
URS Certification	

*The up-to-date list of SSIP Forum membership is available to download as a PDF from the Key SSIP Documents section on our website: <http://ssip.org.uk/>*

## UPDATED PAS 91 NEARING PUBLICATION

A revised PAS 91:2016 – the draft BSI Standard for construction PQQ questions – is still expected to appear by the end of this year, despite a slowdown in progress this autumn. It is being updated mainly to reflect changes brought about by CDM 2015. (Health and safety enquiries are mandatory in PAS 91, and assessment by SSIP member schemes is specifically mentioned in PAS 91 as an effective route to construction health and safety assessment.)

Further underlining the potential value of PAS 91, construction industry umbrella body Build UK obtained agreement from its members and partner bodies in September that PAS 91 will be the basis for a planned 'desktop' PQQ assessment solution across the industry. More details are expected to be announced in 2017.