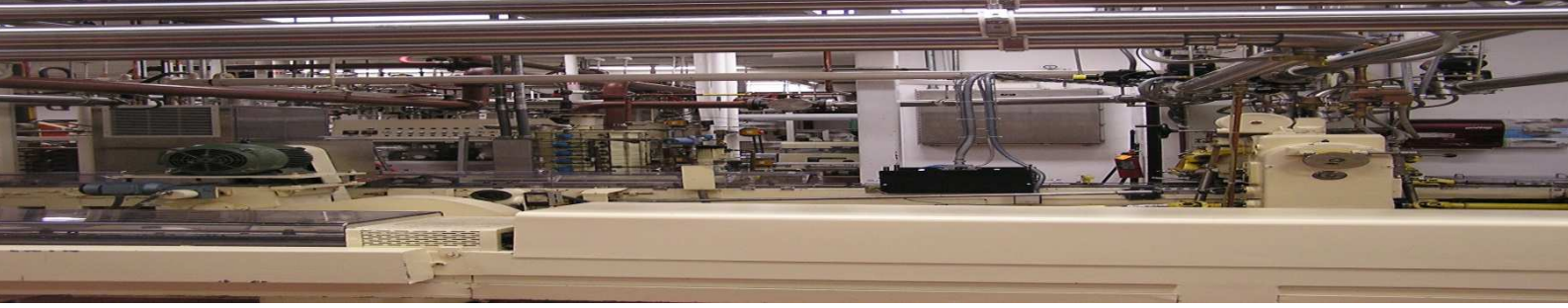


Case Study

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Food Processing Due Diligence

The Challenge

The management buyout of a food processing business in West Yorkshire required an Environmental Due Diligence Audit for the investment.

The Solution

The audit was designed to identify the significant environmental liabilities associated with the investment in the freehold, leasehold, management interests and commercial operations conducted at the company's sites. The issues considered were latent liabilities, revenue costs of compliance, capital costs of compliance.

The study considered the slaughter, butchery, cooking and freezing of poultry at two sites and the cold storage and distribution from a support site. Servicing, maintenance and cleaning of vehicles was undertaken at a further site. Seven freehold and leasehold poultry farms were audited and an assessment of the Packaging Regulations undertaken.

The studies undertaken included the commissioning of a food hygiene assessment to study compliance with the standards required by major food retail and wholesale industry and consolidated in the British Retail Consortium Technical Standard. The farms were considered as suppliers to the food processing operations.

An asbestos survey was commissioned to include the condition of the asbestos with a confirmation by samples of the asbestos fibre content. All external and internal areas were included for inspection.

The Outcome

The survey included a summary of expected repairs required in the following 2 year period and with an assessment of the potential disruption to factory operations



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