CASE STUDY



Independent workplace compliance



Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Maintaining high workplace standards

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP is one of the leading international law firms and is widely recognised as standing apart, for the quality of their advice, and for their unswerving commitment to clients. Freshfields moved from their Fleet Street estate to 100 Bishopsgate in the City of London in 2020, now home to over 2000 employees.

Since the original move to 65 Fleet Street back in 1990, Freshfields have engaged Assurity Consulting to undertake regular Workplace Environmental Assessments on the air and water systems as well as Legionella Risk Assessments. The estate had included several other significant buildings in Fleet Street over the years, including Whitefriars, 65 Fleet Street (20,764 sqm), Northcliffe House and 26-28 Tudor Street (17,772 sqm). Assurity Consulting has also been heavily involved in the mobilisation of the move to 100 Bishopsgate (23,700 sqm), and still maintains the position of Freshfields' independent consultancy for the management of the air and water services.

The objective is to independently assure the consistency of workplace conditions against high standards of workplace comfort, maintenance and legal compliance. Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP demand the same attention to detail, quality of advice and commitment from consultants and contractors as they provide themselves.

Thirty years on and they still use the expert knowledge of Assurity Consulting to deliver assurance on standards. Assurity Consulting have been flexible to Freshfields' needs, often changing the program of sample locations to reflect changes of use or address particular employee concerns.

Assurity Consulting have become the "go to" option whenever there is a need outside of the norm for a trusted independent opinion on the workplace environment. Examples include:

- Testing unknown building materials to eliminate the possibility of asbestos.
- Advising on the possible impact on Legionella controls when making energy saving adjustments to chilled/condenser water circulation.
- Providing independent advice on a variety of client and employee queries including the health effects of ozone, CO2, VOC's and fungal spores, the selection of cleaning chemicals, the evaluation of water and energy saving proposals and environmental management.

"Assurity Consulting have provided air and water quality assessments for us for over 30 years. I value their independence, integrity and professionalism highly. I would have no hesitation in recommending them to anyone"

Abigail Baker, Environmental Advisor, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP



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