

Loss Prevention Working Group Report

The Mission of the Loss Prevention Working Group is:

'To minimise member's business risk exposure and maintain profitability by providing procedural support and good practice guidance'

This will be achieved through; Newsletter articles; Loss Prevention Alerts; Client Guides; Tool Kit papers

Legal Helpline

Legal assistance is provided by BLM (Berrymans Lace Mawer) and members of the BLM team, led by Michael Salau, attend every meeting of the Working Group. All Members are entitled to 20 minutes free telephone advice from BLM.

Tool Kit Papers

Toolkit folders are sent to all new AGS Members, containing Toolkit papers advising on a range of basic and essential legal issues. Three new Toolkit papers were issued in 2008, they were

- Business Liability Insurance.
- CDM- Health and Safety
- Adjudication

Loss Prevention Alerts

During 2008, LPA 40- Drilling into Coal Authority Assets was circulated to Members. The LPA offers a review of the Coal Authorities Terms and Conditions for entering or disturbing Coal Authority mining issues.

The Terms Upon Which Contaminated Land Consultants are Employed

A guidance paper written by the AGS, EIC and ACE was published in 2008. The document which was reviewed and commented upon by UKELA (United Kingdom Environmental Law Association) sets out to highlight some of the areas of perennial tension between consultants and those who employ them, and to describe some of the ways open to the parties to diffuse this tension and agree compromise arrangements.

Future Work

In 2009 the Loss Prevention Working Group will be working on at least two Loss Prevention Alerts- Deleterious Material Clauses and Assignments and two Tool Kit papers Consultants Acting as Contractors and the Employment of Others, and Risk Issue for Independent Geoprofessionals