## **ARMS - Asbestos Management System**

ALS Ltd have been providing asbestos management advice since 1985. Accord IS began working with ALS in 2001 on a database that would allow ALS to enter the findings from their asbestos surveyors and collate the information internally to provide bespoke survey reports to their clients. The ARMS system was created to meet this need.



Since then ARMS has evolved and now includes a handheld application allowing the surveyors to carry around a handheld PDA where they can record the asbestos findings on site. The application checks their input to ensure that it is complete and that all regulations have been complied with. Once back at the office the results are uploaded automatically into ARMS reducing what had previously been a very time consuming process. Reports are then automatically generated so that the surveyors can quickly QC the surveys.

The asbestos samples taken on site need to be analysed in a laboratory before the results can be entered into ARMS. This was therefore a natural extension for ARMS to provide the screens necessary for the labs to enter their analysis, for the relevant reports to be generated and for the results to be carried into the ARMS system for presentation to the clients.





With the internet playing a more important role in everyone's lives it made sense to create a web based version of ARMS and ARMSnet was created. This provides secure access to the client's survey via the internet, so that asbestos information can be accessed from a relevant building or even by maintenance personnel on a smart phone.

The ARMS system has allowed ALS to improve the quality control of their surveys, to reduce the time spent on surveying and data input and to provide their clients with access to the asbestos survey results in a number of formats to suit each client.

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