

# Rail businesses are 'Ensafe' hands at this year's Railtex/Infrarail

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One of RBDCCommunity's Eagle Labs partners is introducing its expanded services to the rail sector during the Railtex/Infrarail event.

Ensafe is the UK's leading fully-independent environmental, health, safety and asbestos consultancy. It has nine offices across the UK and the Republic of Ireland, which are staffed by more than 230 people. It has gleaned 25 plus years of experience across practically all industries, and recently added extra rail-aligned capabilities to its services.

Before and during the Covid outbreak, Ensafeworked closely with Network Rail and other members of the rail industry to ensure their environmental services were second to none. As part of this they made a series of essential acquisitions, bringing their expertise in house to support their already thriving knowledgebase.

This put Ensafein a position to deliver a full Geo-environmental consultancy service – using state of the art drilling equipment and decades of expertise as part of the comprehensive “phase 2”, or on-site, stage of ground investigations. This growth in capability complements other rail-required services which have long

been a part of Ensafe's core offering. This includes IOSH safety training, ground remediation, asbestos, air quality, CDM and safety, ecology, fire and legionella, lighting and DESEAR services.

"It was for us the final piece in the jigsaw," said MD Francis Price. "Adding a full geo and ground remediation service makes us an all-round solution suitable for anyone in rail or the other sectors we play our part in.

"We've always said we want to help clients achieve compliance without complication, and now we cover all aspects we feel that has never been truer."

However, there was some complication: the Covid-19 outbreak intervened before a full rollout.

"We understood the best way forward was to keep working and building," said Francis. "To keep developing the new offering and further aligning our service for the demands of rail.

"An important part of this has included keeping in contact with Network Rail. They are the main client when it comes to British rail projects and also a gold standard for the rest of the world."

Another new part of their offering which Ensafe developed throughout the pandemic was mental health first aid training. They worked with insurance titans Gallagher and rugby team the Leicester Tigers as part of their essential first steps into this bold and never more needed arena. They now offer this to all businesses they work with as part of the package of services they can use.

Their care in the community has also involved Waste Wise Kids – an educational programme which seeks to inform children about waste, recycling and sustainability and making a positive environmental impact on the future.

This community work served as a constant reminder that people come first. "Although we have enjoyed some success across all industries, we know that there's nothing like a meeting of minds, and a shaking of hands if possible," said Francis.

"That's why we think Railtex/Infrarail will play a huge part in us showcasing our wide-reaching rail services.

"When I look back at every time we have best served the industries we worked in, the starting point was person-to-person. You can do some business over the phone and technology is excellent – in many ways innovation is what we are all about. But there's some things video calling can never quite substitute."

Railtex/Infrarail runs from September 7-9 at the NEC, Birmingham.

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