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STANDARD FIVE DAY TURNAROUND

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ELAB NEWS & SERVICES UPDATE – October 2020

- **RESTRICTIONS TIGHTEN – CONSTRUCTION KEEPS GOING**
- **FIVE-DAY TURNAROUND IS STANDARD**
- **TOPSOIL ANALYSIS**
- **WASTE CLASSIFICATION & ACCEPTANCE**

WALES TO LOCKDOWN BUT CONSTRUCTION KEEPS GOING

Announcing new restrictions, first minister Mark Drakeford for The Welsh Government imposed widespread restrictions coming into effect from 23 October to 9 November. According to its website, people must work from home if they can, but construction may continue on sites under strict compliance with social distancing rules. The only impact on construction there would be reinforced vigilance and compliance.

Construction Products Association, Economics Director, Professor Noble Francis said the housing and infrastructure sectors had the best short-term outlooks. Stating the CPA's most likely scenario now sees output falling much less in 2020 compared to 2019. This is an improvement due to the quick re-opening of sites after lockdown, social distancing having less impact on productivity than initially feared, and stronger-than-expected demand for housing and refurbishment work.

Even during the March Lockdown in the UK, ELAB was able to keep working to support our clients. You can rely on our team to be here for you and provide a quick turnaround on your samples.



FIVE-DAY TURNAROUNDS FOR YOUR TESTING

ELAB offer five-day turnaround as standard on new work and on request for existing contracts at no extra cost. This follows streamlining of our operations and improvements to our LIMS system.

Our five-day turnaround does not apply to sub-contracted testing which is undertaken on best endeavour. We continue to offer 24/48hr and 3-day turnaround for urgent work (subject to



confirmation on capacity). So please call us to discuss your processing needs on 01424 718618 or email cs@elab-uk.co.uk.

PLEASE NOTE FIVE-DAY TURNAROUND TERMS DO NOT APPLY TO ANY SUB-CONTRACTING ELEMENT OF A PROJECT AND SAMPLE RECEPTION DATE (DELIVERY DATE) IS CONSIDERED AS DAY 0 (ZERO) FOR PROCESSING PURPOSES.

TOPSOIL ANALYSIS

Suppliers are required to provide a declaration of analysis which should include:

- Location of topsoil source.
- Previous and current land use for Natural soils only.
- Date of sampling and analysis.
- Compliant topsoil must be sampled every 5000 cubic meters.
- Test results including Contamination parameters.

From our lab on the South Coast we can provide all the testing needed to give you peace of mind that your topsoil is the quality you need. For further information on our services please download our leaflet or call our Customer Services Team on 01424 718618 or email cs@elab-uk.co.uk



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WASTE CLASSIFICATION & ACCEPTANCE

If you believe that the waste, you need to dispose of should go to a landfill then you need to establish if the waste meets the acceptance criteria of the disposal site. ELAB provide the following standard test suites to BS 12457:

- **WAC – Full Waste Suite**
- **WAC – Inert Waste Suite**
- **WAC – Hazardous Waste Suite**

Additionally, we undertake testing to support Waste Characterisation Procedures. For further information on our services please download our leaflet call our Customer Services Team on 01424 718618 or email cs@elab-uk.co.uk



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Remember you can learn more about our range of services at any time by visiting our website at www.elab-uk.co.uk. If you need faster testing turnaround, we can offer 24hr, 48hr and 3-day testing to fast track your samples. Talk to our collection team about your testing needs.

Kind regards,



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