

# Utilising Computer Software in the Asbestos Industry

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The rapid development of computers and technology in the last few years offers businesses within the asbestos industry a number of opportunities to greater utilise the role of I.T. in their business. Some businesses within the industry may have an understandable reluctance to acquire software if they have experienced poorly designed or inflexible software that required them to change their business practices around it. In addition, some may lack the time or resources to research software products which could lead them to losing out on indispensable tools that have the potential to save valuable time and enable them to offer clients a level of service their competitors could not.

At ngNINE we have developed two software products specifically for the needs of businesses in the asbestos industry. These products have been designed to support your existing business processes, to be flexible in order to support future changes in regulations and your business, and also to be easy to use. AIMS Manager enables surveyors and contractors to record and store all asbestos information for their clients such as surveys, inspections and remedial works, in one centralised location whilst Seguro enables businesses working with asbestos to generate employee exposure records within seconds in addition to scheduling contracts and managing employee, plant and equipment information.

One of the main benefits of a software product over a paper based approach is the reduction in the time taken to complete various tasks. For example, it can take a business whose employees are exposed to asbestos a significant amount of time to compile, check and generate employee exposure records. Seguro reduces this time significantly by storing centrally assessed exposure levels, whether they are from an internal data bank or personal samples, in addition to employee timesheet information which allows exposure records to be generated at the click of a button. Using Seguro to control this process also means that the information is more accurate and less

prone to human error. As one of our clients says, "Seguro has taken all the hard work out of the creation of timesheets and employee exposure records, allowing me to redirect my staff's focus on to other business critical tasks. Previously these tasks used to take a number of days but now only take a matter of minutes as the exposure records can be generated by simply pressing a button".

Any well designed software product will give a business the flexibility to support its business processes, allow the business to grow and change as well as enabling it to provide new levels of service to its clients. AIMS Manager allows survey information to either be imported into the system regardless of the format or entered manually via a wizard designed to make the process as quick and efficient as possible. This ability allows you to view survey information from other surveyors in a consistent manner which makes the preparation of quotes much quicker and more accurate. Furthermore, AIMS Manager can generate a professional and tailored survey report in any format, incorporating drawings, photographs and sample results in a matter of seconds rather than the hours or days this may take to compile and check by hand. Likewise, Seguro can work with your existing business processes in relation to employee timesheets – these can be generated automatically from the scheduling information in Seguro, keyed in manually or imported from another existing system such as Sage Personnel. Both Seguro and AIMS Manager can integrate with any other software products so as to fit into your business with the minimum of effort whilst protecting your existing IT investment.

Most businesses are concerned with the ease of use of software. With this in mind our software, which includes tutorials and extensive on-line help including "How do I?" topics, is designed to work in the same way as Microsoft Office products allowing users to utilise their existing skills. We understand that the importance of maintaining the highest standards of health and safety and meeting the associated regulations means that businesses do not simply want to purchase a software product and be left to "get on with it". Our high level of after-purchase support includes on-site training tailored to your needs, as well as email and telephone support so that the reassurance of speaking to an actual person is there should you need it. The end result of this support enables you to get the most out of our products.

Attached to this month's magazine is a CD which includes a 30 day trial version of both AIMS Manager and Seguro. The CD should run automatically when inserted into your CD drive. If it does not, from the Start menu within Windows, select the Run menu item and enter d:\launch.exe where d: is the drive letter for your CD drive. Full installation instructions can be viewed from the CD and both products include a tutorial manual which will take you through the various features of the products.

For any help or questions regarding our products or to discuss any software issues in relation to the asbestos industry please contact us on [info@ngnine.com](mailto:info@ngnine.com) or on **0870 766 1955**.

The graphic features the ngNINE logo at the top center. Below it, the text "Asbestos Software Specialists" is prominently displayed. Two main software products are highlighted in separate boxes: "AIMS" (Total Asbestos Management) and "Seguro" (Employee Exposure Management). Each box lists key features and benefits. At the bottom, a yellow banner states: "ngNINE have extensive experience in the asbestos industry and specialise in delivering quality, flexible and robust software to address real world needs." Contact information for ngNINE Limited is provided at the very bottom.

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**Asbestos Software Specialists**

**AIMS**  
**TOTAL ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT**

- Survey and register management
- Survey report generation at the click of a button
- Inspection and remedial work management
- Efficient, accurate and flexible information exchange with clients

**Seguro**  
**EMPLOYEE EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT**

- A complete solution for asbestos surveyors, contractors, consultants, laboratories and demolition companies
  - Exposure record management
  - Contract and Job Scheduling
- Employee, Equipment and Plant management

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