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Dear Members,

**A Joint Statement from ATLAS President Jason Harfield and SLPTG Chairman Paul Cripps –  
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In these unprecedented and uncertain times, we hope that you are all able to stay safe and well.

Yesterday the government published guidance for employers, employees and the self-employed titled [Working safely during COVID-19 in construction and other outdoor work](#).

We strongly recommend that company Directors of every member of ATLAS and SLPTG read this document thoroughly in order to uphold both the statutory and non-statutory responsibilities of an employer, and therefore best protect the sustainability of our businesses, and the livelihoods that depend on them.

One of the key messages within the document is undertaking business risk assessment in relation to COVID-19, so that we can minimise the risk to our employees - both office staff and the workforce.

Consultation with employees, both at this point and on review as new information/data comes to light, will be invaluable to those involved with deciding the control measures to be implemented in safeguarding our people and businesses to the best of our abilities.

**The government expects every employer with more than 50 employees to publish the results of the risk assessment on their company website and provides a notice (confirming compliance with government guidance) that it recommends is put on display in your workplace(s).**

We cannot eliminate the risk of COVID-19 but we can reduce it.

We hope that this advice is of use and that we may one day soon see you at another industry gathering.

Yours faithfully

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