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Significant Risk: Strategic Direction

I am delighted to inform you that the Supply Chain Safety Leadership Group (SCSLG), with the full support of National Highways, is launching the next phase of Significant Risk: Strategic Direction. This aims to eliminate the significant risks that cause life-changing harm to those working on the strategic road network.

The Strategic Direction has been formulated as a result of consultation with the members of the SCSLG and 35 of our existing suppliers. It is a different approach that unreservedly prioritises the most significant health and safety risks to National Highways' Supply Chain in order to help achieve the vision of Home Safe and Well by 2040.

Sadly, fatalities and life-changing harm continues to exist in our industry. Even within businesses that statistically are considered high performing, fatal and life-changing harm can and does occur. It is time that we stop this and drive out fatal harm from our industry once and for all.

It is time to be different. We accept in life that people make mistakes, but we cannot accept that a mistake in the workplace can lead to life-changing harm, or even fatality. It is for this reason, that National Highway and the SCSLG now feel confident that it is time to take the next steps to eliminate significant risks by widening this new Strategic Direction to the whole supply chain.

Collaboration is key to the successful elimination of the most significant risks to our people, and I am writing to you today to ask for your full support in the development and delivery of this new approach.

As business leaders, I am calling on your commitment to adopt this new Strategic Direction in your own businesses. The SCSLG has developed a six-stage process to support you in embedding this approach in your businesses:

- Significant risk education
- Significant risk strategy developed
- Initial significant risk profile completed

- Significant risk prioritised
- Objectives set to de-risk the significant risk profile
- Ongoing significant risk performance monitoring

I now need your support to start this journey by attending a 'significant risk education' webinar where National Highways and the SCSLG will share details of the approach in more detail and the steps towards embedding this across our industry. The webinar will be hosted by National Highways on Wednesday 22nd March 2023, 12.30-14.30 [Book your place here on Eventbrite](#)

I will close with a promise to keep you updated with our progress on the Strategic Direction and I trust that I will have your full support and involvement on the adoption of this new approach.

Yours sincerely



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