

Ricardo to cease accreditation as a RISAB from 30 December 2015

Ricardo will not be seeking re-accreditation as a Railway Industry Supplier Approval Body (RISAB) when its current accreditation expires at midnight on the 30 December, and has advised its six certificate-holder clients to that effect.

Certificates issued by Ricardo (formerly Lloyds Register Rail), to those suppliers remain valid for the duration of the approval granted, while technically and contractually the obligation and responsibility to support them also remains with Ricardo for the same period, even beyond 30 December.

In line with the RISAS scheme's governance and due process, the Accreditation Agency (RSSB) is working with Ricardo to develop a transition plan so that responsibility for supporting these certificates transfer to an alternative RISAB of the certificate holder's choosing.

In order to achieve a smooth transition, Ricardo has expressed its continued support to all of its supplier clients and will fully co-operate with a new RISAB when appointed. Until that time, certificate holders' approval body will show on the RISAS website as 'RSSB Temporary RISAB'. Please note, this is simply to provide continuity in approval status for affected certificate holders during transition.

It is also important to point out that all RISAS certificates issued by Ricardo are completely sound, and as with all certificate holders, stand out as gold standard suppliers of critical products and services for rolling stock overhaul, formally recognised by the buying community including Network Rail, passenger train and freight operating companies.

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