

## **6.0 MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS**

### **6.1 Background**

On occasions, Forest Edge Construction will need to appoint subcontractors to assist with work. In such situations, Forest Edge Construction assumes the position of the Client. The health & safety responsibilities in this situation are jointly shared between Forest Edge Construction and the appointed contractor, and it is imperative that both parties co-ordinate, and co-operate in a full and effective manner.

Work undertaken for a client by a contractor is usually covered by a civil contract but under health & safety law the responsibilities are defined by Criminal Law.

### **6.2 Applicable Legislation**

Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974

Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999

### **6.3 Procedure**

Forest Edge Construction will only appoint contractors who are competent.

Competence is assessed through a Contractor Assessment Questionnaire system which will be supported by relevant documentation and appropriate references.

All appointed contractors will be provided with the necessary information, instruction, training and supervision as is necessary to ensure that work is completed in a safe manner.

Before commencement of work, Forest Edge Construction will issue copies of the company Health & Safety Policy, and any applicable procedures, which the subcontractor must read before completing the declaration agreeing to adhere to said policy and procedures.

A periodic review of all subcontracted work will be carried out by Forest Edge Construction, as will regular monitoring of work practices.

Any unsafe practices by any appointed subcontractors must be reported immediately for further investigation.