

# Green Accord – Case Study

## Sir Robert M<sup>c</sup>Alpine Ltd



Sir Robert M<sup>c</sup>Alpine Ltd is a leading UK building and civil engineering company founded in 1869. A family-owned company with a reputation for innovation and quality, recent projects include the O2 Arena, Cabot Circus in Bristol and the Olympic Stadium in London.

Following Sir Robert M<sup>c</sup>Alpine Limited's appointment as main contractor for Exeter University's Forum Project, they were requested by their client, Exeter University who have adopted the Green Accord standard, to demonstrate their sustainability credentials by securing Green Accord Accreditation.

Endorsed by the Audit Commission, the Green Accord scheme is designed to help companies improve their environmental performance and ensure sustainability is embedded throughout the supply chain.



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Accreditation is awarded following the successful completion of an audited self-assessment tool which is also a proven environmental management mechanism providing advice and guidance on practical means of increasing resource efficiency.

Having successfully achieved Premier Status, the highest of three levels of accreditation awarded under the programme, the company decided to embrace the scheme and seek Green Accord accreditation from its suppliers on the Forum Project.

In addition to improving their environmental performance and enabling them to realise potential savings, this will also allow these suppliers to demonstrate their commitment to the principles of sustainability to future customers.

The different levels of accreditation offered by the scheme meant by taking just a few practical steps the suppliers were able to achieve the status most suited to their size and trade.



### Results to date:

11 suppliers have achieved accreditation and a further 12 are currently undertaking the self-assessment

	Suppliers achieved accreditation	Suppliers currently undertaking assessment
'Premier Status'	1	1
'Superior Status'	5	7
'Select Status'	5	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

The company is in discussion with Zero2050 to support through training workshops those contractors that wish to gain a higher standard of accreditation and make further improvements.

Rebecca Smith, Sir Robert M<sup>c</sup>Alpine's Forum Project Environment Manager, said: "By using this procurement tool we have been able to lessen environmental impact and improve the standard of sustainability throughout our supply chain."

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