



## Background to RISKLITE™ software

Construction industry projects often finish late and cost more than expected. Shocks and disappointment are regular; surprises though nice are rare. Looking back after the event most 'incidents' have happened before and therefore could have been predicted and managed – less pain and better outcomes for all involved.

The same mistakes keep cropping up – the client is disappointed and contractors typically lose money on 25% of all their projects. It does not have to be like this – better risk management can improve project delivery for all concerned.

DSA Building Performance has facilitated hundreds of workshops in the construction industry – many to do with risk management. In this work we observe organisations grappling with complicated software producing ridiculous answers - £25 m risk on a £12 m project! More often we work with companies that know they should be doing something about risk though have never been shown what or they lack the necessary *'tools' and 'techniques'*.

RISKLITE™ is an 'entry level' risk management *tool* designed to help overcome both extremes – it is intended to help you prioritise and then manage your project's risks and opportunities.

RISKLITE™ is an Excel spreadsheet – virtually everyone has Excel on their computer and it's easy to use.

The DSA Building Performance RISKLITE workshop is a *technique* designed to bring the wider project team together to identify specific contract risks and opportunities in a collaborative manner. The project team can then use RISKLITE™ risk registers and reports to manage and communicate the agreed mitigation actions. Used as a live and working tool RISKLITE™ software can help the Team deliver their construction project in a collaborative and integrated manner.

Project Teams using the combined approach of RISKLITE Workshop® (see Appendix A of this Guide for outline workshop process) and RISKLITE™ software will attain the "Aspirational" grade described in The Strategic Forum for Construction's Integration Toolkit – Maturity Assessment Grid.

See Appendix B for the Risk Management extract or visit the full document at: [www.strategicforum.org.uk/sfctoolkit2/help/maturity\\_model.html](http://www.strategicforum.org.uk/sfctoolkit2/help/maturity_model.html)

In addition to project specific risk management workshops DSA Building Performance also runs open training workshops on how to effectively manage risk in a collaborative and integrated manner using the RISKLITE workshop and RISKLITE™ software. For further details visit [www.dsabuilding.co.uk](http://www.dsabuilding.co.uk)

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