

Suez commends Elis for protecting the environment

“SUEZ is a sustainable company, and we recognise that to be truly sustainable we need the support of our supply chain. Our Supplier Awards recognise some of our best suppliers that have helped us achieve our aims and we were impressed that Elis was able to deliver solutions that were aligned to our sustainability values. Being at the forefront of the sustainability agenda, we also commend Elis’s goal to achieve Net Zero carbon emissions.”

SUEZ operates a number of workshops which maintain its fleet of bin trucks and other vehicles. These workshops, and other areas in the business, require wipers which are used to wipe down oily or dirty vehicle parts or other equipment. Prior to working with Elis, the company used a combination of paper roll and textile rags, with the majority being thrown away after use. Elis recommended its wiper service, in which the wipers are returned to Elis and sustainably laundered before being re-used by SUEZ.

We trialled the Elis wipers in one of our largest workshops and the feedback was very good, so we are rolling them out to all other sites. In addition to being more sustainable, the Elis wipers are also highly absorbent and heat resistant. Made from 80% recycled textiles, they are delivered in hermetic packaging which reduces the risk of fire and are positioned on stands to ensure the best ergonomic height for the user. Used wipers are placed in special Elis containers which are collected weekly, alongside the supply of clean wipers. The wipers are laundered at Elis's state of the art industrial laundries, using treated waste water, so they can be re-used for a more sustainable solution.

The technical workwear that Elis is providing, including high-vis garments and a highly flame-retardant coverall, has been specified to combine safety with comfort. Elis launders and returns the workwear to an agreed schedule and uses its special processes to ensure that the protective qualities are not compromised. It is also helpful that we are able to procure workwear, washroom, mats and wiper services from one supplier."

Julie Swanepoel,
Procurement Officer at SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK

