



CLIENT: B & M McHugh Limited



PROJECT BRIEF:

Total Access UK Ltd were contracted on behalf of Network Rail to undertake a structural inspection and confined space risk assessment of the original channel tunnel bore which is situated in the Shakespeare Cliffs near Dover.

Our brief was to check the stability of the heading and assess the risks to safety for a television crew to enter the heading to carry out filming for part of Channel 4's "Coast" series.

The initial phase of the project was carried out by our engineers who conducted a desk top study of historic records and recent examination reports, an initial method statement and risk assessment was then completed.

The next phase was for our engineers to enter the heading using our confined space entry procedures. The engineers carried out a structural assessment of the heading, assessed the risks first hand and produced a report of our findings which was presented to the client. From this initial visit a further, detailed method statement was produced outlining the procedures that Total Access UK Limited would adopt in order to safely escort the film crew into the heading.

Finally we escorted the film crew into the heading, providing equipment, briefing and rescue support. The filming work was completed safely and without a hitch in March 2006.



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