

# Newsletter

The summer has passed by and those who holidayed within the UK will have had a taste of typical UK summer weather. Coal fired power generation was down during the warm (?) weather and so ash supplies were reduced. However, there is more processing equipment available now than ever before, e.g. carbon reduction plant, and therefore more ash suitable for concrete production available than for some years.

## **WRAP/EA Quality Protocol**

Work on the Quality Protocol (QP) in conjunction with WRAP and the Environment Agency for England and Wales (EA) continues, though not without some significant problems. The QP depends on two Codes of Practice (CoP), the UKQAA CoP for Unbound materials, e.g. fill and embankments and the BRE CoP for grouting applications. Both of these documents have been revised to align with the QP. However, while an agreed version was finalised in early September 2009, by mid-September the EA had decided to rescind their agreement. These issues are affecting the UKQAA, JEP and AEP and we have called for a Technical Advisory Group meeting with the EA and WRAP to review the current position.

## **REACH**

Work on REACH continues within the ECOBA administered SIEF. There are still some issues to resolve, but work on testing the various types of ash has begun and the dossier is being prepared.



While there is a separate SIEF specifically for cenospheres as there is a separate EINECS number, these are still ash products and the ECOBA led SIEF has agreed to cover them, e.g. they are considered the 'same' as fly ash products.

## **Concrete Industry – Sustainable Construction Forum (CISCF)**

After the initial flurry things have settled down here. They have collected KPIs from various bodies, including the UKQAA. Our own Responsibly Sourced Materials Credits scheme is taking shape and when fine tuned will work towards setting targets for future years in order to reduce the carbon footprint of ash as much as possible.

## **UKQAA Business Plan**

Plans are currently in hand to extend our present business plan to cover a 5 year period.

## **UKQAA Membership - Newsflash**

We have very recently received applications for associate membership from both RockTron Research Ltd and Matrix Materials Ltd – these applications have been circulated to the full members seeking their acceptance.

**Out and About:** Over the last few months, the UKQAA has been out and about spreading the good word about coal ash products.

Lindon has visited the following to give lunchtime presentations and the UKQAA provided lunch:

**Howard Ward & Associates - Nottingham:** Lindon presented to around 7 people.

**Skanska - Rickmansworth:** 20 people attended Lindon's presentation.

**Peter Brett - Reading:** Lindon presented here to approximately 25 people.

**Arups – Bristol:** Again around 25 people attended Lindon's presentation.

**Direct Contact Exhibitions (DCE) – Cardiff:** We exhibited here and took a seminar slot where Lindon gave a general PFA presentation – attendee numbers were not high as seems to be the case at this type of event just lately – it is probably very much an unfortunate sign of the times.

**CIRIA – Contaminated Land 1 day conference:** We sponsored this event in London entitled "Succeeding in Challenging Times – An International Approach to Brownfield Projects" – Lindon went along and manned the stand – unfortunately many of the attendees were speakers or exhibitors.

**LJMU – 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sustainable Construction Materials and Technology in Asphalt Pavement Engineering and Highways Maintenance 17-18 February 2010:** We are exhibiting here and Lindon is also giving a joint paper with John Kennedy (Consultant Pavement Engineer) on the subject of sustainability of FABMs entitled "FABM, Cost, Energy, Carbon and Recycled considerations".



**Ecobuild 2010:** We are again exhibiting at Ecobuild in March of next year – this will be our third year running and we are hoping it will be as successful for us as previous years. Their latest floor plan shows only about half a dozen stands left of any size so it appears things are going well already.

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