



UK CEMENT INDUSTRY National Stakeholder Forum 2008

Summary Report

OBJECTIVES FOR THE DAY

The UK cement industry held its fourth national Stakeholder Forum on 16 September 2008 at the Tarmac Buxton Lime Cement works in Buxton, Derbyshire. The objectives were:

- To update, inform and exchange views on the UK cement industry's operational performance in 2007 and to report progress on BCA undertakings made at the third National Stakeholder Forum held in July 2007.
- To share, debate and take note of current developments in the cement and concrete industries and the impact they will have on measuring and reporting against sustainable development targets and objectives in 2009 and beyond.
- To provide an open forum opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback, comments and suggestions on the BCA's, and its member companies, current performance and potential improvements.

STAKEHOLDER PERCEPTIONS

Detailed comments, as communicated by the various breakout groups can be found on the BCA website.

http://www.cementindustry.co.uk/sustainability/our_sustainability_agenda/stakeholder_engagement.aspx

During the plenary session the following issues emerged as the principal comments in response to the questions posed:

Question 1. What are your views and impressions of our objectives and priorities?

- Good performance – but more data needed;
- Targets – are these ambitious enough?
- Alignment – greater clarity on purpose needed;
- Objectives/principles – clarity;
- Differentiator(s) LCA;
- Communication challenge.

PERCIEVED CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Question 2. What do we perceive to be the challenges and opportunities for the industry now and in the future?

- Sector case for emissions trading;
- Carbon Capture Storage;
- More effective communication - R&D;
- Stakeholder engagement – widen market conditions;
- Supply chain engagement;
- Waste – resource efficiency;
- Avoidance to landfill – resources;

GENERAL VIEWS

In relation to the general organization of the day and possibilities for future events, the following points were made:

- Full day meeting and site visit?
- More time for discussion
- Widen stakeholder group – users, architects involvement
- Interactive session – more dialogue.

NEXT STEPS

The BCA has taken full note of all the comments made at the Stakeholder Forum and will bear them in mind as the industry develops in 2009.

The BCA will also maintain contact with stakeholders on a more regular basis to update them on the changes taking place within the industry alliance; policy developments; and to share information and publications that are relevant to the industry's performance.

The first in this series of regular contacts will be the publication of *Performance*: the formal report of the industry's performance against its Environment Agency Sector Plan Targets scheduled for 26th November. Further communications will include consultations on the industry's proposed key performance indicators; the future of the Stakeholder Forum and the publication of the concrete industry's first sustainability report, scheduled for Spring 2009.

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