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Industry Issues

New Chairman at BCA

Michael Lodge will be relinquishing his role as Chairman of BCA at the end of February 2006 following the BCA Council's decision to appoint future Chairmen from among its own number. Michael has been chairman since he retired as Managing Director of

Castle Cement in early 2003. His successor will be Jean-Francois (Jeff) Sautin, Managing Director of Lafarge Cement UK.

The Concrete Society completes acquisition of Concrete Information Limited.

Concrete Information Limited (CIL) is an information and library service that has been operated as a joint venture between the British Cement Association and The Society since 2002. The business includes a world-renowned reference database and library of over 130 000 titles on all aspects of cement and concrete in construction, together with a range of electronic information services and an on-line bookshop.

The new business will be integrated with The Society's current primary activities as a provider of technical advisory services and technical publications that includes the monthly magazine, *Concrete* and quarterly worldwide project review, *Concrete Engineering International*. Further information on [CIL](#).

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Sustainability

Forum for the Future

BCA has joined the partnership programme for Forum for the Future for a second year, and during 2006 they will be working in two major project areas: stakeholder engagement and carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) strategy

The CO₂ strategy developed by the Sustainable Development Task Force contained an indication of the impact of possible scenarios on the industry's ability to reduce its greenhouse gases in the short-, medium- and long-term. Carbon Capture and Storage was one of the future technologies identified by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, WBCSD, as a means of achieving this goal.

BCA submitted a £150k bid for funding to The Carbon Trust Network Programme. The proposed work will be to build upon the data being generated by the British Geological Survey on the sources and sinks of CO₂ within the UK. This will be linked to the available technology for carbon capture and the characteristics of cement manufacturing plants in the UK, with a view to assessing the technical and financial feasibility of CCS.

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Mining Waste Plenary Vote

Parliament voted to approve the conciliation agreement on mining waste. With over 400 million tonnes of waste per year, the European mining industry accounts for around 30% of all waste generated in the EU. Following an agreement reached in conciliation between the European Parliament and the Council, this waste will soon be managed according to rules laid down in a new European directive. [Read the press release.](#)

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Consultations

Energy Review Consultation

The DTI has launched *Our Energy Challenge – Securing clean, affordable energy for the long-term*. The consultation seeks views on the medium and long-term energy policy issues to be considered in the Energy Review. Deadline is 14 April 2006. Further information from the [DTI website](#)

Code for Sustainable Homes

The ODPM is consulting on proposals for introducing a code for sustainable homes. The Code for Sustainable Homes signals a new direction for building standards. Wherever practicable the ODPM intends to develop and introduce a system of sustainable building standards based on voluntary compliance. Deadline is 6 March 2006. Further information from the [ODPM website](#)

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Events

Conference of cement and concrete marketeers and promotion officers

The European Concrete Platform's conference on tools for today's concrete marketeers in Brussels on 2-3 March 2006. Further information on the [Cembureau website](#).

European Cement 2006

The 6th European conference and exhibition for markets, corporate information, state-of-the-art production and processing technology of cement will take place at the Sheraton Skyline Hotel nr Heathrow, 13-14 March with field trips on 12 and 15 March. Further information from <http://www.propubs.com/ec2006/>

Concrete Communications Conference

UCL, 5-6 September. Details to follow.

Cement and Concrete Science

Sheffield Hallam University, 11-12 September 2006. To register an interest or submit an abstract, please contact RJ Mangabhai, Tel: 0208 9083762. Email r.j.mangabhai@btinternet.com

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BCA in the news

BCA media coverage for December

Article	Media	Issue
Cement industry on target	International Cement Review	Dec 05
Setting the agenda [sustainable development]	C-Minus	Issue 02, 2005
New green targets for cement industry	MQR	Nov/Dec 05

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