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Industry News

Forty Years of UK Cement Manufacture

Dr Chris Clear, Research Manager Concrete Performance at BCA, has written an article for the 40 year anniversary issue of *Concrete* magazine (July 2006), outlining the most significant developments in the UK Portland cement industry during 1966 - 2006. The industry experienced advances in environmental performance, productivity, product performance, product consistency and cost effectiveness. If you would like a copy, please email ltipper@bca.org.uk.

BCA Chief Executive appointed on UK Sustainable Development Panel

Mike Gilbert, Chief Executive, has been appointed a member of the UK Sustainable Development Panel. The Panel consists of 1,000 people from a range of backgrounds who will hold online debates on issues as diverse as nuclear power, green schools, public transport, health management, climate change, faith and democracy. It will act as watchdog to Government, monitoring its performance on sustainable development. Membership of the panel will provide an opportunity to influence advice to Government while being part of discussions with other leaders in the field.

BREF Revision

The European Cement Association, CEMBUREAU, and BCA are organising an EU visit on the BREF (Best Available Techniques Reference Document) revision for cement from 17-20 July. It forms part of the delegation's trips to member states and entails visits to three cement works - Padeswood (Castle Cement), Cauldon (Lafarge Cement UK) and Rugby (CEMEX UK Operations).

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Sustainability

Research shows masonry houses can lower energy bills

New research by Arup shows that conventional masonry houses which take advantage of their inherent thermal mass can save a significant amount of energy over their lifetime compared to lightweight timber frame housing.

The research examines both embodied and operational carbon dioxide emissions and provides strong evidence that lightweight timber homes may not be as sustainable in the long term as heavyweight masonry construction. [Further information.](#)

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European Update

Europe Direct goes live in the UK

25 Europe Direct centres, each offering a range of services and information on the European Union, are opening in the UK from 1 July. The centres offer up-to-date information on EU law, programmes and policies and provide an opportunity to give feedback directly to the European Commission. For further information and location of the centres, please visit <http://www.europe.org.uk/>

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Consultations

Managing workplace transport risk - a route map

The Health and Safety Executive has launched a consultation to devise a guidance tool to help manage the risk involved in the use of workplace transport. Deadline for responses is 22 September 2006. Further information:

<http://consultations.hse.gov.uk/inovem/consult.ti/wptms.>

Review of the New Approach

The European Commission has launched a public consultation on improving 'New Approach', in particular in the areas of conformity assessment, accreditation, CE marking and market surveillance. Initiated 20 years ago, the 'New Approach' has been very successful in enabling manufacturers to sell their products throughout the EU, provided the products meet required levels of safety. However, efficiency and implementation can still be improved. The consultation also enquires on the Commission's current work on legislative simplification in the field of products. Deadline for responses is 26 July 2006. Further information:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newapproach/review_en.htm.](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newapproach/review_en.htm)

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Events

Concrete Communications Conference

The conference will focus on sustainability; structural design; modern materials; performance and construction. University College London, 5-6 September. Further information on www.cementindustry.co.uk.

Cement and Concrete Science

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

International Symposium on Concrete Roads

The plenary sessions will be held around three major themes, Concrete Roads and Sustainable Development; urban pavements and rural roads and special topics in materials, applications and processes. 18-22 September, Brussels. Further information:

<http://www.concreteroads2006.org/default.aspx>

Living with Minerals 2

Making and sustaining the link between minerals, the economy and our way of life. 6 November, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. Further information:

http://www.mineralsuk.com/britmin/cbi_press_release.pdf.

BCA Berthold Lubetkin Memorial Lecture

Daniel Libeskind, architect of the Ground Zero project, London Metropolitan University Graduate Centre, Imperial War Museum North and Grand Canal Performing Arts Centre will be the guest speaker at this fifteenth annual lecture.

Kensington Great Hall, London, 9 November. Further details to follow – please consult the [BCA website](#).

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BCA media coverage for May

Article	Media	Issue
Producers feel the heat	Construction News	04 May 06
A cracking alternative to cement	Guardian	11 May 06
Firm's pledge to the planet	Lancashire Evening Telegraph	19 May 06

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Publications

Performance report

The BCA will publish *Performance*, its corporate social responsibility report during July. The report outlines the cement industry's environmental, social and economic performance and will this year for the first time report against benchmarks set by the Environment Agency (EA) in their sector plan for the industry. In previous years the BCA published the report on the EA's draft requirements as well as its own sustainability objectives. The report will show reductions in CO₂ emissions and use of virgin raw materials and fossil fuels. The industry also continued its role in helping to manage the UK's waste problems.

The report will be available to download from the BCA website, www.cementindustry.co.uk, or alternatively, please email ltipper@bca.org.uk to receive a printed copy.

Health and Safety News

The latest issue, Volume 2, 2006, can be downloaded from the [BCA website](#)

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