

# cement industry update



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## Industry news

### Cement Making Demystified

The British Cement Association (BCA) has launched five educational units aimed at 7-11 year olds to help explain how cement is used to create our basic infrastructure, including houses, schools, bridges and roads.

The units will enable teachers to incorporate cement industry

issues into the national curriculum. The initial set has been designed for Key Stage Two and offers opportunities in science, geography and citizenship. Further information on [www.cementindustry.co.uk](http://www.cementindustry.co.uk).

## Sustainability Group Appointment

Mike Gilbert, Chief Executive of BCA, has been appointed chairman of the CEMBUREAU (European Cement Association) Task Group on Sustainability in recognition of the pioneering work of the UK cement industry in this field.

## Concrete Communication Conference 2006

The joint BCA, Concrete Society and Concrete Centre event was held in September at University College London. BCA gave a number of presentations including two keynote papers. The conference was a great success with representation including 25 University civil/structural engineering departments and 23 consulting/contractors/industrial companies. The next major scientific conference will be held at Dundee University in September 2007, which BCA are co-sponsoring.

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## Sustainability

### SERA event

Mike Gilbert, Chief Executive of BCA, gave a talk at the Labour Party Conference SERA event. He addressed issues including the role and impact of the built environment on energy use and climate change; building for climate change: innovative design and intelligent use of materials; and what is needed from government. Mike shared the platform with Yvette Cooper MP (Minister of State for Housing and Planning) and Nicky Gavron (Deputy Mayor of London). The event, which was well attended, led to an interesting debate on key industry issues.

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## Public Affairs update

### Waste Framework Directive

The Environment Committee vote on this draft directive scheduled for 10 October has been put back to late November. This allows BCA/CEMBUREAU more time to lobby on crucial amendments relating to 'by products', 'discard', 'end of waste'

and 'waste oils'.

## REACH

The European Parliament Environment Committee will be voting on amendments to the REACH proposal (2<sup>nd</sup> reading stage) on 10 October. BCA has contacted all UK MEPs on the Environment Committee to seek support for the voting recommendations drawn up by CEMBUREAU on the amendments tabled to date, where these are relevant to the industry.

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## Consultations

### Planning and Pollution Control

A joint DCLG and DEFRA consultation on options for improving the way planning and pollution control regimes work together in delivering new development. Deadline for responses is 6 December 2006. Further information on the Department for Communities and Local Government [website](#).

### Second Consultation: Environmental Permitting and Compliance System

The consultation document sets out proposals for a streamlined and simplified permitting and compliance system and explains how the new system would work. The partial Regulatory Impact Assessment forecasts the costs and benefits associated with the proposals. The draft Regulations set out the legal framework for the proposed system. Deadline for comments is 06 December 2006. Further information on DEFRA's [website](#).

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## Events

### Hydraulically Bound Mixtures for Pavements

A free evening CPD presentation to launch the guide, *Hydraulically Bound Mixtures for Pavements*. It is a best practice guide on sustainable pavement options by optimising the use of natural sub-base materials and conserving the use of imported natural aggregates.

19 October 2006, Covent Garden, London. Further information: [www.cementindustry.co.uk](http://www.cementindustry.co.uk)

## 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](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.

9 November, Kensington Great Hall, London. Further information: [www.cementindustry.co.uk](http://www.cementindustry.co.uk).

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## BCA in the news

### Media coverage for August

Article	Media	Issue
SiloSafe integrated silo protection system	Processingtalk.com	11 Aug 06
Cement Cleans up its act	Contract Journal	16 Aug 06
Gas cut	Construction News	24 Aug 06
Sustainability report released	World Cement	August 06
UK cement industry cuts CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	International Cement Review	August 06

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