

# cement industry update



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## Industry News

### Sustainability report launched

The UK Cement Industry launched its progress report, *Working Towards Sustainability*, at a House of Commons reception hosted by Lembit Opik MP on 01 November 2005.

The report is the outcome of The Sustainable Development Task Force (SDTF) project to embed sustainability in all cement industry operations.

The industry's vision is to continually improve performance on sustainable development until it is recognised as leading the way by 2010. The report explains how the industry will maximise

the contribution of cement to the delivery of a more sustainable built environment through future climate change control and building efficiency, and how it can assist the UK with the delivery of the best feasible environmental options for waste recovery. The industry will also work with government on its proposal to carry out a study into the environmental and health effects of non-municipal waste.

Further information: [www.cementindustry.co.uk](http://www.cementindustry.co.uk).

## BCA Berthold Lubetkin Memorial Lecture

Professor Tony Hunt from SKM Anthony Hunts presented the 14<sup>th</sup> BCA Berthold Lubetkin Memorial lecture at the Royal Institute of British Architects on 10 November.

He explained the team effort behind the creation of a new structure, and how engineers are challenged by architects to find innovative solutions to their concepts and sometimes to achieve the impossible! But for Tony the challenge as a creative engineer lies in designing a structure that is appropriate for the architecture, whilst being efficient, elegant and economic. He also discussed a selection of his favourite buildings, including Willis Faber Dumas, Sainsbury Centre, Waterloo International, the Hilton Hotel at Heathrow and the Eden Project.

The annual event is sponsored by The Concrete Centre, and we are delighted to announce that Daniel Libeskind will be our guest speaker for next year's event on 09 November.

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## Health and Safety

### Revitalising Health & Safety Conference

The BCA Revitalising Health & Safety conference, *Cementing Good Practice: Cement Vision and Targets*, will take place on Tuesday, 22 November at the Bank House Hotel in Worcester. This year's guest speakers include John Spanswick, Managing Director of Bovis Lend Lease; Clive Brookes, Health and Safety Executive; and Claude Lorea, Technical Director at CEMBUREAU.

John Spanswick's presentation will address individual responsibility and unsafe acts, while Clive Brookes will share advice on how to ensure your safety system doesn't fail. Further presentations by cement industry representatives will include guidance on prevention of hot meal burns; slips, trips and falls; transport safety and occupational health schemes. Further information and to register:

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## Parliament update

### REACH

The European Parliament's Environment Committee agreed to three of the key issues of most concern to the cement industry: the exclusion of waste; one substance one registration (OSOR), and third party registration. A fourth point on the exclusion of clinker from registration under the proposals was not carried. However, CEMBUREAU remains optimistic that clinker can still be excluded and is pushing for an amendment to the compromise text or the tabling of an appropriate amendment at the Parliamentary plenary which takes place on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The UK Presidency will seek political agreement on its compromise text at the Competitiveness Council meeting on 29-30 November.

### EU Mine Waste Directive (MWD)

The minerals industry was very satisfied with the outcome of the key Parliamentary Plenary votes on the MWD which took place in early September. However, the EU Council was unable to accept the revised text as passed by the Parliament and the Directive has now gone into the conciliation process. BCA is inputting to the process via the CBI Minerals Committee who has arranged a meeting with UK Government in its capacity as President of the EU.

### Waste Shipments Regulation

On Tuesday 25 October, the European Parliament adopted a second reading report on waste shipment. Rapporteur Hans Blokland's proposed ban on shipments for so-called 'interim operations', such as mixing and repackaging, which would have impacted the blending of SLFs, were rejected. MEPs also voted to keep animal by-products outside the Regulation's scope, against the wishes of Mr Blokland. The new Regulation is set to enter force a year after publication in the Official Journal; this should be in the beginning of 2007.

### EU Commission Committee on Dangerous Preparations

The committee, which was considering a Swedish proposal to label cement as corrosive met on 4<sup>th</sup> November. It rejected the proposal, but the Commission proposed Sweden should find a solution which is based on an alternative wording that would have the same effect i.e. warning users against cement burns.

## BCA in the News

### BCA media coverage for October

Article	Media	Issue
Ordinary Portland Cement with extraordinarily high CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Building for a Future	Autumn 05
Environment Reports – BCA	Environment Times	Volume 10, issue 4

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## Publications

### Working Towards Sustainability

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