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BRITISH PRECAST MEMBERS RISE TO CHALLENGE OF CT2010

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Members of British Precast have met, and exceeded, the challenging targets set by the CT2010 Health and Safety scheme by reducing RIDDOR reportable accidents by more than 50% from the scheme baseline of 2005, and by beating their target of a 50% reduction in lost time during the same period.

From 2005 to 2010, members reduced the number of RIDDOR reportable accidents by a total of 59%, exceeding their target of halving RIDDOR reportables during the duration of the scheme and bringing the combined reduction for the original Four Star scheme (2000-2005) and the CT2010 scheme to a total of 75% from the 2000 baseline.

The second target, that of reducing time lost due to accidents, proved to be just as challenging, and again the members of the British Precast CT2010 scheme outperformed their targets by a healthy margin.

Members reduced their days lost during the period 2005 to 2010 by a total of 76%, which, when combined with the early work of the original Four Star scheme reduced time lost to a level of only 15% of that measured when mem-

bers started their work on reducing accidents—an overall reduction of 85%.

Although not a measure of the CT2010 scheme, British Precast has monitored and reported the Accident Incidence Rate during the scheme, which also takes into account the numbers of employees being reported, something which has been dramatically affected during the recession. Overall, that rate has been reduced by 30%, and this has been identified as the type of measure that allows comparison to other industries. This principle, and other improvements, have been discussed and agreed for implementation in the new CT2015 scheme, details of which can be found later in this newsletter.

Overall, the British Precast Concrete Targets CT2010 scheme has been a resounding success and I would like to congratulate all those members who took part in, and contributed to the outstanding results to date. We now look to the CT2015 scheme to carry on these improvements, and to our membership to aim higher, with an expectation of 'zero harm' as our long term goal.

Colin Nessfield - Concrete Targets CT2010 and CT2015 Scheme Manager

MPA HEALTH AND SAFETY- COOPERATION WELL UNDERWAY

As full members of the MPA (Mineral Products Association), British Precast are cooperating with the MPA on improvements in Health and Safety, including closer working on industry statistics, sharing of best practice, and attendance at each others meetings and events.

A valuable resource for all members is the

website www.safequarry.com, and members are recommended to visit the site.

The MPA hold an Annual Safety Conference and Awards day, to be held this year on Tuesday 15th November and British Precast will be participating in the event this year.

INTERPAVE AND HSE MAKE ROAD WORKING HEALTHIER

Interpave, the precast concrete paving and kerb association, have been working closely with the HSE in developing good practice for the use, handling and cutting of kerbs on site. The success of this project has prompted the HSE to use the development process used in other areas of the HSE's work.

A new group has been formed, the 'project to reduce ill health in paving, road and highway work'. With preliminary meetings completed, at which members of Interpave (www.paving.org.uk) contributed to the process positively, a comprehensive project brief has been created, complete with a risk matrix from which the project is expected to develop during the coming year.

Attendance from materials and equipment suppliers, along with contributions from clients, designers and CDM coordinators has helped develop an approach that should encompass the entire supply chain.

The project aims to cover Respiratory risks, Noise, Vibration, Dermatitis, Musculo-Skeletal disorders, Asbestos and Solar Radiation across the whole road construction and maintenance sector, covering all types of road construction materials. Further details will be issued as the project develops.

CHARGE... TOWARDS THE FUTURE

'Charge' is a tripartite body with representatives from Industry, Trade Unions and the HSE. British Precast has both Trade Association and Employee representation on the group and has been actively supporting and contributing to their work for a number of years.

Charge provides a forum for exploring common health and safety themes, identifying priorities, sharing key learning point and good practice, and providing strategic direction to health and safety improvement programs in the Ceramic, Heavy Clay (bricks, tiles and pipes), refractory, glass and glazing, cement and concrete industries. Useful information is fed back through the British Precast Health and Safety Committee.

The group are currently developing tools to allow businesses of all sizes to demonstrate leadership, management commitment and governance.

Further details of the group's work can be provided upon request. Contact Colin Nessfield on 0116 253 6161 for more details.

"...a forum for exploring common health and safety themes... and providing strategic direction"

SHAD—SAFETY AND HEALTH AWARENESS DAYS 2010 AND 2011

British Precast, in conjunction with the HSE, ran a 'SHAD', a health and safety awareness day on 20th October 2010, kindly hosted by member Roger Bullivant at their Drakelow production facility.

With over 70 people attending, the event featured presentations from Industry experts from the HSE on such diverse issues as Respirable Crystalline Silica (RCA), Hand/Arm Vibration (HAV), vehicle safety and Slips, Trips and Falls, which still represent around one third of all lost time accidents.

Attendees found the day very useful and informative with some very positive feedback and many comments asking if the event could become a regular feature on

the BPCF calendar—and now it looks like it is going to happen!

Early planning is in place to hold a second SHAD event towards the end of 2011, with activities and presentations on HSE's 'hot topics' and issues raised by our members, aiming to provide a useful, practical day of learning on those areas where most help is needed.

Further details of the event will be publicised in due course, but keep your eyes open for the event as numbers will be limited.

CONCRETE TARGETS CT2015

Following the resounding success of the British Precast CT2010 Accident Reduction Scheme, and as part of British Precast member companies commitment to continually improving its Health and Safety performance, the CT2015 scheme was officially launched at the 2010 Annual Awards.

The scheme makes even high demands on its members:

The CT2015 Commitment asks members to sign up to:

- An expectation of 'ZERO HARM' to all
- 50% reduction in LTIFR for direct employees by 2015 (Baseline 2010)
- 50% reduction in LTI for contractors by 2015 (Baseline 2010)
- Continuous improvement in accident severity ratio

Members also agree to:

- Development, implementation or maintenance of a strategy for Health and Safety initiatives and related training, and to manage our Health and Safety needs with a competent staff appropriate to the needs of their organisation
- Implementation or maintenance of structured, inclusive Health and Safety meetings, with effective



and appropriate consultation in line with their organisational needs

All members are required to submit quarterly H&S statistics to British Precast.

British Precast Council have now made signing of the CT2015 pledge a compulsory part of British Precast membership, making the precast industry one of UK's most committed to improving Health and Safety performance, and all prospective members would be expected to sign up as part of their membership. CT2015 is a key component of the 'Raising the Bar' initiative, further details can be found at www.bpcfcharter.com

For further information on the CT2015 scheme, contact [Colin Nessfield](mailto:Colin.Nessfield@britishprecast.co.uk) on 0116 253 6161.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM JUDITH HACKITT

"I am delighted to offer my support for the new phase of the Concrete Targets scheme. For Health and Safety to be improved further, it is essential that the industry takes the lead and sets its own priorities. By signing HSE's pledge, you have committed to being 'part of the solution', to help deliver on the relevant goals within the strategy for the Health and Safety of Great Britain.

You have already come a long way with an impressive 68% reduction in injury rates to date since the initiative began in 2001, but reaching the new targets in CT2015 will require even more hard work and commitment.

The new phase rightly identifies how, by working together, sharing best practice and learning from one another, this can be achieved.

It is right that you celebrate the significant achievements which have brought you this far, recognising at the same time that the journey is long, and progress must be sustained to meet the new targets."



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Judith Hackitt CBE

Chair, Health and Safety Executive

CHANGES IN ACCIDENT REPORTING

Lord Young reviews reporting

Lord Young has just finished looking into the practical aspects of Health and Safety and the way this impacts businesses across the UK.

Several new ideas have been put forward in the consultation document (CD233) and many comments had been received by the time the comments period ended at the end of April.

Amongst the more contentious suggestions is that Industry should change from reporting over 3 day lost time accidents to over 7 days accidents. This will, no doubt, be the subject of fierce debate as 3 day reporting forms part of the 'Eurostat' policy which the UK have previously adhered to, and which allows comparative reporting across EU member states.

Concrete Targets CT2015 reporting

Members are reminded that reporting of accident statistics every three months is a required part of the scheme, a change from the CT2010 requirements.

Accident reporting via the web

The reporting of RIDDOR accidents can be made online, by telephone, post or e-mail, including out of hours reporting. HSE are seeking to move this process to a predominantly online system with a provisional date of the 12th September 2011 for this move to be completed.

HSE Info Line to Close

The HSE's *Info Line* will be closing and the majority of enquiries will be fed through the HSE website, although local HSE offices will still exist. All inspector guides are being removed or revised and will be online by September 2011.

BRITISH PRECAST HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

The British Precast Health and Safety Committee is an active and well attended group which maintains, as its first guiding principle, the free exchange of knowledge and experience. The Committee continues to be supported by representatives from HSE and Proskills with a focus on supporting member companies in reducing accidents and risks, with the overriding aim of eliminating accidents in the workplace.

New Chairman.

The Committee has recently appointed a new Chairman, and British Precast are pleased to congratulate Marian Garfield of Aggregate Industries on her appointment.

If your company does not have a representative on this Committee and you would like to get involved; if you would just like to know more about its activities or want to suggest new items for discussion or inclusion in the next edition of this newsletter, then please contact the Committee Secretary, James Fudge, at: james.fudge@britishprecast.org



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