MATERIALS 2017 CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

In April, we witnessed the first materials conference in the UK to be entirely focused on structures, envelope, facades and finishes. “We have proved there is real need for a niche event focused on materials for architecture, construction and design and look forward to building the 2nd edition into a significantly larger and more content-rich show in April 2018” - David Schindler, Event Director. To sign up for Materials 2018, list of exhibitors, or learn more about the event go to www.materials2017.co.uk

INTRODUCTION TO ETA FOR CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS
By Marion Ingle

Despite their importance to the market, knowledge of European Technical Assessments (ETAs) varies considerably and is falsely neglected in light of Brexit.

An ETA provides information about the performance of a construction product, to be declared in relation to its essential characteristics. An ETA contains product and manufacturer information, performance and method details used in the assessment, and technical details for the AVCP system.

If a construction product is covered by the European Harmonised Standards (HS), then it must comply and be CE marked to enter the market. Products not covered by HS can still be CE marked if performance can be demonstrated to comply with the requirements of an European Technical Approval Guideline (ETAG).

This definition is provided in Construction Products Regulation EU/305/2011, and is expected to be incorporated into British law following the Brexit for the foreseeable future. The competent national authority for Construction Products Regulation is the Department for Communities and Local Government.

For a full list of ETAGs and further information on ETAs see www.eota.eu

PASSING OF PETER HASTINGS

It is with great sadness that we hear of the passing of Peter Hastings. Peter was an active member of the group and remembered by many due to his great support in reviewing and interviewing new members and Charted Engineer applicants.

His enthusiasm and drive, as well as technical expertise in cements, float glass and foam insulation will be sorely missed across our group, and our thoughts are with his family.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Circular Economy Routemap for London
Construction Products Association, 9 May 2017, London

Construction Materials Group Board Meeting
Chaired by Chris Hallas at McLellan and Partners Ltd, 16 May 2017, Woking

Investigating Polymer Failures In Construction
Discussion Meeting 24 May 2017, London

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