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Metals and Minerals Sector Conference A paper by Roger Monaghan, Secretary CERIAC

Issues

1. The proposed Metals and Minerals Sector Conference, Rose Court, 25th June 2002.

Background

2. The first Metals and Minerals Sector Conference was held in Rose Court in September 2000. The main theme of the day was "Revitalising Health and Safety" (RHS). Delegates invited from all the industries covered by the Sector heard from a range of speakers drawn from the HSE and Industry about the performance of their industry, the work that some companies had already carried out on setting health and safety performance targets. Small groups of delegates from a mix of the industries then considered how they could take RHS forward in their own industries (both IAC and non IAC) and reported back. Finally, delegates heard the latest news on Stress and Health Surveillance. The overall view from delegates was that it had been a worthwhile event.

3. The Sector proposed that a second event would take place 18 - 24 months after the first one to review progress. During that time, Ceramics, Quarries, Concrete, Glass and Foundries have all developed their own schemes.

The way forward

4. The outline for the conference will be:
- a. a series of presentations from delegates invited/selected from the various initiatives which will concentrate on special features of their schemes so that others can learn from successes and difficulties;
 - b. syndicates to discuss the matters arising and whether they are worth applying to their own schemes;
 - c. presentations and discussions on the outcome of the Sector sponsored review of the toxicity of Silica.

Action

5. Members to consider the proposals and make recommendations.

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