

CHARGE – 2 July 2009

Location: HSL, Buxton

Present: Geoff Cox (HSE – Chair)
Declan Moore (GGF)
Andrea Prystupa (Unite)

Dave Cockcroft (BPCF)
Francis Morrall (BCC)
Paul Underwood (Unite – Amicus)

Dave Donkin (Pilkington)
Keith Morton (Ibstock)

Philip Marsh (BG)
Tracey Oliva (HSE)

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Item 1		Introduction and Apologies		
1.	1.0	Introduction and Apologies	<p>The Chair welcomed all to the 11th meeting of CHARGE.</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Graveling – Institute of Occupational Medicine • Peter Walsh – HSL <p><u>Observers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Flatters • Dominic Moore 	None

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		<p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Appleton (HSE) • Bob Baldwin (Unite) • Nina Day (HSL) • Ian Gibson (BCA) • Chris Haigh – (Unite T&G Section) • Harry Hockaday (Unity the Union) • Rob Miguel (Unite – Amicus Section) • Colin Nessfield (BPCF) • Phil Smith (HSE) • Irene Stevenson (Proskills) <p><u>Awaiting representations:</u></p> <p>David Gilbert (Hanson) has retired; awaiting new employer nomination to represent the pre-cast concrete industry – Possibly David Cockcroft (Marshalls), awaiting confirmation</p>	
Item 2	Actions from previous meeting		
2.	'Silica and You' – draft publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.4 - Mr Appleton to circulate draft copies of 'Silica and You' to CHARGE members in due course. 	On-agenda Item 7
	CHARGE Strategy document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.1 - Dr Smith to remove appendix 2 and identify key components in the draft which reflect the HSE Strategy - (action conditional, pending outcomes of the HSE Strategy consultation, due to report mid May 2009) • 3.2 - Draft CHARGE Strategy to be circulated. (via CHARGE community site) • 3.3 - Comments to Dr Smith by the end of May 2009 	On-agenda Item 4

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	Silica exposure (Occupational health)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.4 - John Osman (HSE Medical Inspector) to be contacted to establish the completion date of the Silica Working Groups generic protocol. <p>Update:</p> <p>HSE's will only provide a framework for decision taking, since the actual requirements will need to be assessed on an individual basis taking into account a number of circumstances i.e. workplace exposure levels, years of exposure and previous exposure in former employment, etc.</p> <p>A literature review of the evidence base, around which such a framework can be developed, is under review. The framework planned for June / July 2009 is now expected in early 2010.</p> <p>Mr Morrall and Mr Morton would like to see a steer from HSE sooner rather than later. The brick industry have developed guidance, however they would like to incorporate HSEs framework.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Smith to circulate a note to CHARGE members outlining the reasons for the delay in issuing the framework 	Dr Smith On-going
	Heat Stress Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.1 - Mr Marsh to invite Richard Graveling to present at the next CHARGE meeting • 4.2 - Mr Marsh to investigate the publication / promotion opportunities available through IOSH (Institute of Occupational Safety and Health) and consider a joint launch of the findings. 	On-agenda Item 5
2.	Heat Stress Research (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.3 – Mr Marsh to send Mr Underwood the latest report available asap <i>Action discharged</i> Update: Mr Underwood reported that unfortunately, Hanson was not able to supply further funding for the research project. • 4.4 – Dr Smith to send Mr Marsh contact details for EEF <i>Action complete, discharged</i> • 4.5 – Mr Marsh to send Ms Oliva the latest report for circulation to committee members <i>Action superseded, discharged</i> • 4.6 - Once the research is finalised HSE may need to review the current guidance available to industry <i>Action carried forward</i> 	On-agenda Item 5

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	Glass SHAD (Newcastle upon Tyne)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 - The Chair to place a bid for funding in the 2009/10 workplan and consult Operational colleagues with a view to their support (action due – September 2009) <p>Update: The Chair reported that HSEs North West region are happy to support a SHAD this year however Dr Smith will be placing a bid for additional SHADs in work year 2010/11.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Smith to place bid Mr Moore to liaise with Mr Appleton re the North West SHAD 	Dr Smith Mr Moore
	CHARGE Industries - Statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 - Ms Oliva to seek internal agreement to release detailed statistic information to industry <i>Action carried forward</i> 	Ms Oliva
	RPE Behaviour study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.1 - Mr Morton volunteered Ibstock brick to take part in the research. Dr Smith to liaise with Mr Morton in due course 	On-agenda Item 6
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.2 - Mr Underwood will make enquiries at Hanson <p>Update: The Chair thanked Hanson who offered sites for participation in the research however, the project leader declined as they had sufficient volunteers from Brick manufacture.</p>	Discharged
<i>The minutes of the meeting, 18 February 2009 were agreed as a true record of proceedings.</i>			
Item 3		Load Security	
3.	0	Presentation – Nina Day (HSL) Nina was unable to attend the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Oliva to circulate a copy of Nina's presentation (circulate) Ms Oliva to invite Nina to speak at the October meeting 	Ms Oliva

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	1	BPDWG draft guidance	<p>The Chair provided the meeting with an overview of the Building Products Delivery Working Groups (BPDWG) draft guidance on eliminating and mitigating falls from height.</p> <p>Mr Morton reported that elements of the guidance, which relate to applying 'strap, net and space' when loading vehicles have in two severe braking incidents, successfully resulted in the control measure retaining the load and preventing injury to the driver.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A revised copy of the draft guidance will be circulated to CHARGE members and placed on the community website after the next meeting of the working group (20 July 2009) 	Mr Appleton
Item 4		Strategies		
4.	0	HSE Strategy	<p>Hard copies of the HSE Strategy, 'The Health and Safety of Great Britain \ \ Be part of the solution' were circulated to the meeting.</p> <p>Following the consultation earlier in the year there is very little change from the original document to the final version that was released in June 2009.</p> <p>Organisations can 'pledge' their support to the new strategy on the HSE website.</p>	Discharged
	1	CHARGE Strategy	<p>The meeting discussed the draft CHARGE strategy, it was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 2 – <i>'These industries together employ nearly 200,000 people and contribute £ ... billions per annum to the UK economy'</i> – This will remain and the sectors represented at CHARGE will individually supply their sectors estimated contribution • Page 2 – <i>'The CHARGE goal is zero injuries and cases of ill health'</i> – This statement will be removed. • Page 3 – <i>'Outcomes should be linked to reductions in the numbers of injuries, cases of ill health and days lost through work related sickness absence'</i> will be replaced with <i>'Outcomes should be linked to reductions in the number of injuries, cases of ill health and subsequent reduction in days lost'</i>. 	

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4.	1	CHARGE Strategy (continued)	<p>Mr Moore asked the Chair to consider how CHARGE and health and safety professionals could distance themselves from the fallacies both the public and the media have towards health and safety; considering the majority of bad publicity relates to the supposed ban of activities in schools, could we rename ourselves 'Industrial Health and Safety'?</p> <p>The Chair agreed with the points made by Mr Moore, however there is little CHARGE can do. HSE through myth of the month addresses some of the fallacies and the new strategy focuses on the need for strong leadership and a need to focus on real health and safety issues as opposed to instances where health and safety is used as a convenient excuse for not doing something.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Smith to refer to the Construction Products Association web pages for an estimation of this sectors contribution to the UK economy ○ Mr Moore to provide for the glazing industry ○ Mr Marsh to provide for the glass industry ○ The Chair to convey to HSE CHARGE support for the need to address health and safety myths 	<p>Dr Smith Mr Moore Mr Marsh Chair</p>
Item 5		Heat Stress		
5.	0	Presentation – Richard Graveling (IOM) – Research project	<p>Dr Graveling provided the meeting with an update of the heat stress research project: <i>(Presentation circulated with minutes)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Six companies took part in the research ● 272 pairs of body temperatures were measured ● Temperatures measured from the tympanic membrane were consistently lower than core body temperatures measured using the radial pill 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very few temperatures exceeded 39°C • Taking into account the confidence levels it would be necessary to set a tympanic membrane temperature of 37.04°C to ensure that core body temperatures would be below 39°C. This is clearly impractical as over 60% of the data collected during the study showed temperatures greater than this. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Marsh to convene the research team to discuss the findings, proposed course of action and feedback to CHARGE in due course 	Mr Marsh	
5.	1	HSE Funding	HSE funding is available for supplementary work should the research team choose to enter a third phase.	Discharged
	2	Presentation – Peter Walsh (HSL) – ELVis	Dr Walsh provided the meeting with an overview of the video exposure monitoring services HSL can provide. (Presentation attached)	Discharged
	3	Reviewing workplace temperatures legislation and guidance	At the request of the Secretary of State HSE has instigated a review of workplace temperatures. A conference will take place on 23 July 2009 in Rose Court, London to consider the issues around setting a maximum workplace temperature. For further details visit the HSE website or to book a place, contact Helen Rowlands on 0151 951 4517.	Discharged
Item 6	RPE Behavioural study			
6.	0	Feedback on Ibstock site visits	Mr Morton provided the meeting with a summary of the two Ibstock sites, which are participating in the RPE behavioural study. (Summary attached)	Discharged
	1	BSIF Fit2Fit accreditation scheme	The British Safety Industry Federation (BSIF) has developed a competency scheme, 'BSIF Fit2Fit Test Providers Accreditation', in collaboration with HSE and other industry stakeholders, which aims to reduce significantly the incidence of occupational respiratory injury. (Press release attached)	Discharged

Item 7		HSE Publications		
7.	0	Silica and You	Work is progressing.	Mr Appleton
	1	Silica and lead: Control of exposure in the pottery industry (1992)	This publication was effectively replaced by Ceramics information sheet 2 'Control of exposure to silica dust in small potteries'. It was agreed 'Silica and Lead' would be withdrawn from sale however parts still relevant to the industry will be revised by the working group and reissued as CHARGE information sheets.	
	2	Ceramics information sheets	<p>There are three ceramic information sheets to be revised / updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for health and safety in the ceramics industry (April 2002) • Control of exposure to silica dust in small potteries (April 2002) • Safe use of electric kilns (Aug 2003) <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Morrall to contact Dr Smith to establish a working group to conduct the revisions 	Mr Morrall
7.	3	Glass information sheets	<p>There is one glass information sheet for revision / updating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for health and safety in the glass industry (Oct 2002) <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Moore and Mr Marsh to contact Dr Smith to establish a working group to conduct the revisions 	Mr Moore Mr Marsh
Item 8		Feedback – Scheme activities		
8.	1	Cement Industry	<p><u>Cementing Good Practice</u></p> <p>Mr Gibson was not at the meeting however, the Chair reported that MPA Cement would be hosting an 'Improving Safety for Contractors' workshop at the end of July. Those interested in attending contact Mr Gibson via the CHARGE community or by e-mail ian.gibson@mineralproducts.org</p>	None

	2	Ceramic Industry	<p><u>Ceramic Industry Pledge</u></p> <p>Mr Morrall reported that phase two of the Ceramics Pledge ends in 2010. The PLEDGE Board is currently discussing phase three of the initiative and ensuring its objectives align with those of the HSE Strategy. Phase three will be launched at the conference, due to take place on 29 October 2009.</p> <p>Mr Morrall would like HSE to acknowledge formally the efforts and achievements CHARGE industries have made in reducing the number of workplace incidents through industry initiatives since the inception of Revitalising Health and Safety targets in 2000.</p> <p>Mr Morrall agreed that the CHARGE Strategy could be launched at the conference in October. Mr Donkin asked if the strategy should also be launched at the Glass conference, which will be held in March / April 2010.</p> <p>The Occupational Health Toolkit should be available at the end of summer.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Suitable wording to be incorporated into the HSE Chairs speech at the Pledge Conference in October, i.e. 'CHARGE is part of the solution'. o The Chair and Dr Smith to consider further launching the CHARGE strategy at the conference. 	<p>Chair Dr Smith</p>
8.	3	Concrete Industry	<p><u>Concrete Targets 2010</u></p> <p>Mr Cockcroft reported phase two of their initiative also ends in 2010. A Board meeting on the 3 September 2009 will discuss the industries next steps.</p> <p>The annual statistics are currently being gathered and should be available for the October meeting.</p>	<p>None</p>
	4	Glass Industry	<p><u>Glass Charter</u></p> <p>Mr Marsh circulated to the meeting a DVD of the new Glass Charter and hard copies of a summary document.</p> <p>Accident statistics are currently being gathered and should be available for the October meeting</p>	<p>None</p>
Item 9	Date and venue of next meeting – 21 October, Pilkington, St Helens			