

## QUARRIES NATIONAL JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002 at 10.30am in HSE Rose Court, London

### Present

Mr T Rose  
Mr R Pearce  
Mrs L Weston  
Mrs H Turner  
Mr A Miller  
Mr M Piney  
Mrs M Meldrum  
Mr B Coles  
Mr R Graham  
Mr R Claydon  
Mr G Morris  
Mr M Isles  
Mr M Pemberton  
Mr M Mellow  
Mr C Kirby  
Mr G Geddes  
Mr B Stringer  
Mr R Allen  
Mr D Sharman  
Mr B Rostron  
Mr K Dobbie  
Mr C Webb  
Mr M Smith  
Mr P Foster

### Apologies

Mr M Cross  
Mr T Mellish  
Mr J Atkinson  
Mr P Fairlamb  
Mr A Wetherelt  
D Pimblett  
T Dalziel

### Representing

Chair – HSE  
Secretary – HSE  
Minute Secretary - HSE  
HSE  
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HSE (Speaker)  
HSE (Speaker)  
HSE (Speaker)  
Foster Yeoman Ltd (Speaker)  
RMC  
Lafarge Aggregates  
Quarry Products Association  
China Clay Association  
Imerys Ltd  
Silica and Moulding Sands Association  
British Aggregates Association  
British Drilling Association  
Environmental Services Association  
Hanson  
CoalPro  
Sandsfield Gravel Co Ltd  
EPIC  
Institute of Quarrying  
Institution of Materials, Minerals and Mining

### Apologies

F Morrall

### Guests

Mr P Ward – Hanson Materials (America)  
Mr B Monson - HSE Northern Ireland

**Summary of Action agreed:**

**5. SILICA**

**Members if needed to contribute to new Control Information Sheets.**

**8. WHOLE BODY VIBRATION**

**Further information on whole body vibration is available from B Cole (HSE).**

**15.1 REVITALISING**

**Revitalising Health and Safety in Construction available off the HSE web site.**

**15.2 HSC/E STRATEGIC RESEARCH OUTLOOK 2003**

**Draft HSC/E Strategic Research Outlook 2003 available off the HSE web site.  
Comments required by 20<sup>th</sup> December 2002.**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed Mr Ward – Hanson (America), B Monson from HSE in Northern Ireland and guest speakers.

**2. MINUTES OF THE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2002**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1** Members were informed of a staff change: M Cross who had recently replaced G Baker would be taking up a new position in HQ, his replacement should be in post by the next meeting.

**4. MINERAL WASTE DIRECTIVE – A MILLER**

3<sup>rd</sup> draft of the working document was circulated earlier this year. Currently awaiting guidance from the commission. A new version is expected to be available in November.

**5. SILICA – M PINEY/ M MELDRUM (HSE)**

Respirable Crystalline Silica has a MEL of  $0.3\text{mg}/\text{m}^{-3}$ . Recent research has found this level is unsafe and that a lower limit of  $0.1\text{mg}/\text{m}^{-3}$  is needed. This is likely to be brought in soon. HSE will be producing some Silica essentials control sheets, which when completed will be placed on the internet.

Members may be asked to contribute to these information sheets.

**Action agreed: If needed members to help with the production of these information sheets.**

**6. ACCIDENT REHABILITATION–R GRAHAM (FOSTER YEOMAN)**

Mr Graham gave an outline of his company's initiative to provide support and rehabilitation to company employees. The results for one year indicate that this is a cost effective option.

**7. WORKFORCE TRAINING – R PEARCE (HSE)**

Members were given an update on the workforce training initiative. One of the main problems has been the availability of information about the course and course dates. EPIC will be advertising them as part of their suit of courses and Jackie Williams (TUC) Tel – 0207 636 4030 Ext 1253 will control them centrally.

**8. WHOLE BODY VIBRATION – B COLE (HSE)**

Mr Cole outlined the main research and areas that HSE was involved in.

Timetable:

- ❖ July 2002 – Initial cabinet panel paper on options
- ❖ July 2002 – Informal meetings CBI/TUC
- ❖ By April 2003 – Complete drafts CDs
- ❖ October – December 2003 – collate responses
- ❖ By mid 2004 complete revision of draft regs/guidance
- ❖ By Dec 2004 Regs made/laid
- ❖ By June 2005 Regs come into force/guidance published

Some members felt that more research work was needed. Any comments to be forwarded onto: [brian.coles@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:brian.coles@hse.gsi.gov.uk)

Copy of overheads attached to minutes.

**9. STAR CHAMBER BID – R PEARCE (HSE)**

A series of data was discussed outlining how industry was copying with the new regulations. The findings were that there was room for improvement in the designing of the quarry particularly in hard rock quarries and also the need for more worker involvement in the setting out and review of control measure.

**10. ACCIDENT AETIOLOGY – P FOSTER (IOME)**

Mr Foster gave a progress report. Stage one: accident analysis has been completed, work has now commenced on the second stage: site visits. Update on progress will be given at the next meeting.

**11. COMPETENCE – DO WE HAVE A STRATEGY? – R PEARCE**

The initiative on competence was discussed; employees will need to demonstrate their competence, advised to make full use of the occupational standards.

**12. PROGRESS WITH MISC, CHECKLIST SYSTEMS, H&S TRAINING – C WEBB**

The quarry safety checklists should be available from EPIC by the end of October 02.

**13. NORTH AMERICA BUSINESS – P WARD**

An update on (H&S) issues in the American industry was given, also discussed were the main areas of concerns.

**14. HSE NORTHERN IRELAND – B MONSON**

Members were given an overview of how HSE in Northern Ireland worked. One major problem was the aggregate tax, another problem is that the big companies are improving but the small companies are getting worse. Mr Monson asked for suggested on how to tackle this issue.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**15.1 Revitalising**

The discussion document on Revitalising Health and Safety in Construction available from:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/disdocs/dde20.htm>

**15.2 HSC/E Strategic Research Outlook 2003**

A draft of 'HSC/E Strategic Research Outlook 2003' has been placed on the HSE web site. The document can be found at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/science/index.htm> and will be available until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2002. Comments are required by that date and should be sent to Simon Armitage – Email [simon.armitage@hse.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:simon.armitage@hse.gsi.gov.uk)

**16. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003 to be held in HSE Rose Court, London at 10.30am.

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