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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION
CHANNEL TUNNEL SAFETY AUTHORITY (CTSA)
APPOINTMENT OF MYLES SIBLEY TO CTSA

A Paper by : Richard Clifton, Head of UK Delegation CTSA

Issue

1. Appointment of member of the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority (CTSA).

Timing

2. Routine.

Recommendation

3. The Commission is asked to approve the appointment of Myles Sibley, from the Railway Inspectorate, to the UK Delegation of the CTSA, as successor to Dr Derek Hill, who retires at the beginning of the December 2005.

Background

4. The CTSA was created under the 1986 Treaty of Canterbury to advise and assist the Intergovernmental Commission (IGC) on all matters relating to safety in the operation of the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link, to ensure that safety measures and practices applicable to the Fixed Link comply with national or international laws. The CTSA also examines reports on any incident affecting safety in the Fixed Link, makes necessary investigations and reports findings to the IGC. The CTSA has no direct enforcement powers: the enforcement of national laws is carried out by national bodies whose inspectors rely on their powers under national law. These inspectors have the right to investigate throughout the Fixed Link, having been authorised by the IGC and CTSA. The CTSA itself has 10 members, the French Government being responsible for selecting 5 representatives. Responsibility for selecting UK members is delegated by Ministers to the HSC.

Argument

5. Dr Hill retires from his post in the Railway Inspectorate at the beginning of December 2005. He is a member of the UK Delegation of the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority. The CTSA is an expert body and the members provide expertise in a variety of subject areas, including railway safety. Myles Sibley is the Authority's expert in railway safety, nominated by the Railway Inspectorate. Myles Sibley has been recommended by the Railway Inspectorate as Dr Hill's successor on the CTSA and will take up post, subject to HSC approval, with immediate effect.

Consultation

6. Alan Sefton, Head of Railway Inspectorate has recommended this appointment.

Presentation

7. None.

Costs and Benefits

8. None.

Financial/Resource Implications for HSE

9. There are no resource implications for HSC/E.

Environmental implications

10. None.

Other Implications

11. None.

Action

12. The Commission is asked to :

- note the retirement of Dr Derek Hill
- approve the appointment of Myles Sibley to the CTSA
- if content - agree the draft letters attached.

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Date :

CHANNEL TUNNEL SAFETY AUTHORITY

In exercise of the Health and Safety Commission's power to appoint members to the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Environment, I am writing to appoint you as a member of that Authority with immediate effect.

I am very pleased to be able to offer you this appointment. The Commission recognises the valuable work the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority undertakes to ensure that the risks to health and safety are adequately controlled and is very grateful to its members.

BILL CALLAGHAN
CHAIR

Dr Derek Hill
Railway Inspectorate
2SW Rose Court

Date:

CHANNEL TUNNEL SAFETY AUTHORITY

I am sorry to hear that you will be retiring from the Railway Inspectorate and as a member of the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority (CTSA), but I wish you every success in your new appointment with Transport for London on the East London Line Project.

The Commission greatly appreciates the time and effort given by you.

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Commission for your valuable service and the contribution that you have given as a member of CTSA.

**BILL CALLAGHAN
CHAIR**