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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

Revision of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and
Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996

Issue

- 1 To update members on HSE's progress in involving the industry in the revision of the construction regulations.

Background

- 2 HSC has agreed that we should proceed with the revision of CDM and CHSW regulations. At the last meeting it was agreed that once approval had been given, a working group would be set up to help with the development of detailed proposals. This has been done. In addition we hope to create internet discussion fora to enable others in the industry to contribute directly to the revision. A copy of the Commission paper presented to the Commission is attached as an annex.

Working Group

- 3 A working group has been set up to represent all parts of the construction industry. It builds on the approach taken during the revision of the CDM ACoP.

The following representatives have agreed to serve on the working group:

- Richard Ash ECIA
- Gillian Birkby CIC
- Bob Blackman TGWU
- Glenn Christiansen North West Safety Initiative & major client
- Tim Gough RIBA
- Andrew Large FMB

- Andy Sneddon CC

4 The first meeting was held in October 2003. The Group at present intends to meet on a monthly basis.

Internet fora

5 We hope to set up internet fora for people to keep up to speed with what is happening or to contribute to the developing proposals. They consist of:

- A closed external group for the working group, members of CONIAC and other key players;
- An open group for all interested parties.

Way forward

6 The working group and the internet fora are intended to involve as many interested parties as possible. However, it is crucial that the industry play a big role in developing the launch strategy to make sure that the revised regulations make a real difference in all parts of the industry, and we get buy in by winning hearts and minds. We shall also need to develop PR and launch arrangements, the business case and examples of good practice.

Action

7 CONIAC members are invited to:

- Contribute to the revision process and developments for the launch
- Note the development of the working group and internet fora
- Encourage the industry to take an active role in developing the strategy.

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