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## HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

Best practice in design with examples of best value.

#### Issue

1 Members agreed that meeting M1/2003 would focus on issues of improving the industry's health and safety performance through good design.

2 This paper introduces one of five presentations that will inform members in subsequent debate. Alan Smith will make an oral presentation on achieving best practice in design with examples of best value.

#### Background

3 It is recognised that hazards are introduced at the earliest stages in a project's life through the processes of procurement and design. Hazards can often be eliminated and risks reduced through the design process, especially during the 'first steps'. Risk reduction through good design is important not simply during the construction phase but also during subsequent use, maintenance and demolition. A focus on these issues can substantially reduce both risk and financial costs.

4 Alan Smith, CIC will give an oral presentation to members with examples of best practice in designing for health and safety, and how it can also achieve best value.

#### Action

5 CONIAC members are invited to:

- Note the opportunity to be informed about the current state of best practice design; and
- Contribute to the debate on the way forward on design.

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