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AMEY and URS join BCSD-UK

Amey plc and the URS Corporation are the latest new members to the BCSD-UK which is enjoying a rich recruitment period.



Amey (www.amey.co.uk) is a leading integrated support services provider working in both the public and private sectors and employing some 8,000 people. If you've driven on a motorway, travelled on the Tube, been into a local school or used council services, there is a good chance you've benefited from the work that Amey does.



The URS Corporation (www.urscorp.eu) is one of the world's leading engineering and environmental multidisciplinary consultants. Mike Smith, recently of Yorkshire Forward, brings URS into membership and has become a member of the BCSD-UK Management Committee.

“Trust” – basic message from WBCSD President

Bjorn Stigson, President of the World Business Council writing in his latest UPDATE, has a focus on “trust” in the aftermath of the fallouts from the financial crisis - trust in markets and trust in business. He says: “markets are important tools for delivering goods and services in an efficient way. But they are made up of rules set by humans and these rules can be more or less appropriate depending on the particular purpose. Rules that are too strict stifle and constrain the markets and rules that are too weak leave too much to chance and potential misuse”. He goes on to say: “The risk we are now facing is a whole posse of law enforcement officers going after the financial market actors”.

Trust in business, he says, has been seriously hurt by the financial market actors seeking big compensation packages and then having to be bailed out by governments.

BCSD-UK members can read his UPDATE in full in the Members Area of www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.



BCSD-UK Forward Plans

This is what we plan to do however if any of the membership feel we should be doing anything in addition please let us know.

Anniversary Portfolio



BCSD-UK members plus invited members of the world's good, mighty, movers and shakers will soon be receiving invitations to contribute to our 10th Anniversary Portfolio which will report what progress people believe we have made during the 10 years BCSD-UK has been in existence, and what major, critical next steps we need to take towards sustainability.

We are delighted that Jonathon Porritt, Chairman of the Sustainable Development Commission, has agreed to write the Foreward.



Anniversary Business Summit



March 26th is the date for our Anniversary Summit. Venue is One Great George Street, Westminster, HQ of the Institution of Civil Engineers. Plans for the day-long event continue to progress with the morning occupied by keynote political and business speakers and the convergence of the World Business Council's Carbon Economy/2050 project and that of our own which Richard John of Faber Maunsell/AECOM has led for us (see reports below).

Sponsorship opportunities are available – please contact BCSD-UK Business Development Manager Debbie Dorman for more info – debbied@ebc-info.co.uk.

New Business Model Brainstorm

We invite expressions of interest in attending (BCSD-UK members only)

BCSD-UK's longstanding ally, Dr Stewart Davies, Business Commissioner for the Sustainable Development Commission, has agreed to act as facilitator as the BCSD-UK asks the question: "Do we need a new business model?" – this in the aftermath of the credit crunch and mindful of other global changes such as fuel cost uncertainties, the move towards a low carbon economy, resources under pressure, climate change, etc.

Date: tba

Venue: tba

E-mail davidm@ebc-info.co.uk if you would like to be involved.

Localised Manufacturing Brainstorm

We invite expressions of interest in attending (BCSD-UK members only)

When the Chairman of global logistics company TNT says that to reduce our carbon footprints we must look to bring manufacturing back close to its markets, we believe it's time for the BCSD-UK to explore that further. The outputs might contribute to the new business model (see above). Several major businesses and one key university have already expressed interest.

Date: tba

Venue: tba

E-mail davidm@ebc-info.co.uk if you would like to be involved.

Food Security Brainstorm

We invite expressions of interest in attending (BCSD-UK members only)

After thinking about it for well over a year, BCSD-UK is finally bringing a small group together to consider if current business models are appropriate to the UK's f&b sector as it is impacted by climate change, the credit crunch, changing eating habits around the world, crucial foods at crisis point and more.

Date: 12th December 2008

Venue: Northern Foods, Thorpe Park, Leeds

E-mail davidm@ebc-info.co.uk if you would like to be involved.

SD and Financial Management

BCSD-UK is in the early stages of working with a university to explore the impacts of sustainable development and low carbon economy aspirations on financial management and corporate taxation. More to be reported once this is further developed.

BCSD-UK and The Low Carbon Economy



BCSD-UK is exploring the low carbon economy and trying to understand what businesses, their markets and the supply chains might look like by 2050, the year the scientific community says is the deadline for us to have stopped polluting before we pass a state of no return. The project is led for us by Richard John of Faber Maunsell/AECOM.

We have staged three consultation workshops to date in Scotland, London and now the Midlands (see report below). The aim is to assemble a report to be published at the BCSD-UK Anniversary Summit.

Midlands Carbon Workshop – report



Nearly 60 delegates met at the National Metalforming Centre in West Bromwich where our Carbon Workshop was sponsored by the Black Country Consortium. Speakers included Richard John of Faber Maunsell/AECOM; Fred Mead of BCSD-UK's secretariat; Mike Smith of URS Corporation; Paul Mountain with Calum Hughes from Martineau.

Acting as rapporteur was Claire Biggs from Cranfield University, the first manifestation of what we hope will be a close strategic and working relationship between BCSD-UK and Cranfield.

Edward van der Kleijn from TNT Post Midlands said after the event: *'I'd like to thank the BCSD-UK for taking the initiative and setting an example for business to wake up to the impending watershed of their responsibility to the environment'*.



Richard John (Faber Maunsell / AECOM). Edward van der Kleijn (TNT Post Midlands); Jason Longhurst (Black Country Consortium); Richard Heathcote (Scottish & Newcastle). Mike Smith of URS Corporation. Jeremy Bruce (Sustainability West Midlands); Lis Broome (consultant); Ralph Hepworth (AWM) and other delegates.

Yorkshire Carbon Workshop



The fourth Carbon Workshop will be held on November 18th and hosted by Yorkshire Water at Esholt Hall, Shipley. Speakers will include Richard John (Faber Maunsell/AECOM); Nicole Pay (Yorkshire Water); Stephen Brown (Yorkshire Forward); Cal Bailey (NG Bailey); and Steve Wallace (National Grid). The event is open to everyone and is free to attend.

BCSD-UK General Meeting in London

The final BCSD-UK General Meeting of the year, hosted by Lloyds TSB in London, on Thursday 20th November, will feature a workshop on Behaviour Based Sustainability led by WSP's Behavioural Solutions Team. The meeting will also include a report on the new BCSD-UK Young Business Leaders Group from Hugh Williams of Ecotec (Ecorys in the UK). Hanne Stoerksen from ConocoPhillips will provide personal evidence of the value of the WBCSD scheme. The member presentation will be from GlaxoSmithKline.

BCSD-UK Focus on Energy in Scotland

BCSD-UK is staging a workshop on "Scottish Businesses – Bridging The Energy Gap" in Glasgow on Wednesday 26th November.

Hosted by Scottish Enterprise at Atlantic Quay, speakers will demonstrate how the Scottish business community is responding to the issue of energy provision and rising costs and concerns about security. Chairman of the event will be Peter Quinn, MD of ScotAsh and Chairman of the BCSD-UK Scottish Steering Group. Speakers will come from Diageo, Scottish & Newcastle, NG Bailey and ScottishPower. This half day morning event is free and includes lunch.

If you would like to attend this workshop please contact katieh@ebc-info.co.uk

Taking The Message to Hong Kong and Korea

BCSD-UK member Richard John of Faber Maunsell / AECOM will next January be telling an audience at the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers about the BCSD-UK Low Carbon Economy Workshops.

BCSD-UK CEO David Middleton is in Seoul in December to talk to South Korean businesses about the BCSD-UK programme.

BCSD-UK in Yorkshire



BCSD-UK is in the early stages of its contract with Yorkshire Forward through the Carbon Action Yorkshire programme which is being delivered in conjunction with Business in the Community. The objective is to raise awareness and understanding of business leaders in Yorkshire and Humberside on practical implementations of sustainable development. A series of half day events is in the planning stage and includes a Carbon Workshop and a Workshop to examine the consequences of the 2009 Carbon Budget.

BCSD-UK in Scotland

BCSD-UK has provided business input to the November SSN Conference “Accounting for Sustainable Development” – with involvement in a panel discussion. BCSD-UK was also an official supporter of the Holyrood Conference – “Carbon Reduction Commitment” also in November. BCSD-UK is in discussion with the Scottish Parliament about an event to look at sustainable development in transport, and is talking to Scottish Enterprise in connection with a series of events to be staged in 2009.

Thanks to Andrew Bright

BCSD-UK would like to take the opportunity of this UPDATE to publicly thank Andrew Bright, originally of S&N and now with WSP Environmental, for having been Chairman of the BCSD-UK Scottish Steering Group. Andrew is stepping down and being replaced by Peter Quinn, MD of ScotAsh, the ScottishPower/Lafarge jointly owned UK market leader in quality controlled, sustainable construction products, manufactured using recycled pulverised fuel ash (PFA). ScotAsh this year won its second Queens Award.

BCSD-UK member Acclimatise helps Russia on climate change



Acclimatise in partnership with Ecoline, a major Russian environmental organisation, will be working over the next two years to develop climate change strategies in Russia. The project will provide support to the City of Moscow Government and four other major Russian cities (Rostov-on-Don, Samara, Saint Petersburg and Yekaterinburg) as they assess the risks of climate change and develop mitigation and adaptation strategies.

The project is funded by the UK Government Foreign and Commonwealth Office, through its Strategic Programme fund.

A key part of the project will be the dissemination and publication of the project outputs. The project will develop a dialogue with other major urban areas including London, focusing on the practical steps cities can take to manage the impacts of inevitable climate change and reduce emissions. A project web site will be developed providing a resource for urban climate change management.

John Firth, Acclimatise CEO, said “We are very pleased to be working with Ecoline on this major Russian project. This project has an international significance and will provide a route-map for other urban areas.”

On the 24th and 25th October John Firth was invited to attend a major conference in Russia, hosted by the

Mayor of Moscow, and to chair a 1 day round table session with representatives of the governments of each of the cities, business leaders, academics and NGOs.

A week long visit to London has been organised in November for delegates of the governments from each of the cities and the British Embassy in Moscow. The delegates will be meeting with various UK government departments, agencies and business leaders to understand some of the measures being taken to make London climate neutral and climate resilient. This is part of an ongoing programme to develop a partnership between London and Moscow on climate change.

For more information contact David Beer, d.beer@acclimatise.uk.com.

BCSD-UK 2nd visit to Güssing

Organised by BCSD-UK for Advantage West Midlands, the visit to Güssing in Austria is the second by BCSD-UK this year. Involved in this 19 strong trip from November 24th to 26th are delegates from AWM; BCSD-UK; Eccleshall Biomass Ltd; E.ON; Faithful & Gould; Forestry Commission; C H Frogatt & Sons; Lorien Engineering Solutions; Marches Energy Agency; Mill Farm; National Grid; Premier Waste; Talbotts; UKTI; The University of Birmingham; Wardell Armstrong.

BCSD-UK Location Best Practice Visit to Wolseley's Sustainability Center



The impressive new Wolseley Sustainable Building Center at Royal Leamington Spa was the target of a BCSD-UK Best Practice Location Visit on November 11th. Wolseley UK is the UK operating company of Wolseley plc, the world's number one distributor of heating and plumbing products and is a leading supplier of builders' products to the professional market. Its new centre (spelt CENTER to mirror its outlets such as Plumb Center etc etc) provides substantial and practical evidence of what can be done to make buildings sustainable.

Product Manager, Chris Booker, and Siobhan Smith acted as guides and launched into the tour with a highly informative presentation that can be seen in the [Document Library](#).

Tom Jordan of Lorien Engineering Solutions said of the visit: *"An informative and enthusiastic presentation linked to a wide cross-section of sustainable technologies viewable under, and on top of, one roof. An afternoon well spent."*

Steve Hemmings of Lafarge Plasterboard UK commented: *"It was a rare opportunity to see a wide variety of sustainable building technologies well presented on one site. It is encouraging to see a major player making a substantial business commitment to sustainable construction. It signals strong defiance of any notion that the industry can ill afford such practice in the current economic climate."*

Launch of the new Department of Energy and Climate Change

Letter from Mike Anderson, Director General, Department of Energy and Climate Change:



"The Prime Minister recently announced the creation of a new Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC). The Secretary of State is Ed Miliband, and the Acting Permanent Secretary is Moira Wallace, who joins us from the Home Office.

This new Department brings together three directorates from the Climate Change Group - International Climate Change, National Climate Change and the Evidence Programme, with the Energy Group of BERR. Our three pillars for the new department are to secure agreement on the international negotiations on climate change, to secure a sustainable supply of energy, and to drive a low carbon economy remaining within the carbon budgets set by government. Ed Miliband is focussing closely on the PM's energy saving initiative, on energy markets in the current economic situation, on leading international climate change, and in strengthening DECC's links externally across all areas of the agenda.

We will no doubt be in touch with further information as the Department develops, but I just wanted to make clear that your existing contacts in the Climate Change Group are still available to you, and that our programme of work of course continues as usual while we transition to the new Department.

We are all very excited about the coming together of the energy and climate agendas. We must grasp this opportunity to make a real difference on the three key goals".

BCSD-UK members can read the launch statement from Secretary of State Ed Miliband, via www.bcsd-uk.co.uk.

Update on Climate Change Bill following House of Commons Report and Third Reading

We are grateful for the following information from the Climate Change Bill Team at Department of Energy and Climate Change.

"The Climate Change Bill has now completed the main part of its passage through the Commons, with Report and Third Reading stages both taking place on 28 October.

At Report stage, the Government proposed a number of amendments and supported two tabled by others: all of these were accepted by the House. Significant amendments were made to reflect advice from the shadow Committee on Climate Change that the long-term target should be a reduction of "at least 80%" in all greenhouse gases, and that the carbon budgets should take into account emissions from international aviation and shipping. Amendments were also made on other issues including corporate reporting of carbon emissions and reporting on the Government's civil estate.

At Third Reading, the Bill as a whole was endorsed by the House by a margin of 463 votes to 3. Key amendments agreed at Report:

Long-term target

- Increasing the target for 2050 from "at least 60%" to "at least 80%"
- Including all Kyoto greenhouse gases in the target

International aviation and shipping

- *Bringing forward to “31 December 2012” (from “within 5 years of Royal Assent”) the date for the Government to include international aviation and shipping emissions in the Bill or explain why not*
- *Placing a new duty on the Committee on Climate Change to advise the Government on the consequences of including emissions from international aviation and shipping in the Bill’s targets and budgets*
- *New requirement that projected emissions from international aviation and shipping must be taken into account in making decisions on carbon budgets*

Community Energy Savings Programme

- *New powers to support the creation of a Community Energy Savings Programme, as announced by the Prime Minister on 11 September (and to be established following the model of the existing Carbon Emissions Reduction Target scheme)*

Corporate reporting on greenhouse gas emissions

- *Bringing forward the deadline for a Government review of reporting to 1st December 2010*
- *New requirement that the Government must, by 6th April 2012, use powers under the Companies Act to mandate reporting, or explain to Parliament why it has not done so*

Government civil estate

- *New requirement for annual publication of a report on the sustainability of the Government estate*

Next steps

All amendments made to the Bill in the House of Commons are expected to be considered by the House of Lords on 17th November.

Further info: www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climatechange/uk/legislation/index.htm

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