

PRESS RELEASE

31 January 2008



Construction Professions Offer Support to PM in Tackling Climate Change

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has co-ordinated a collaborative letter from leaders of the built environment professionals to the Prime Minister which addresses climate change. The letter has been signed by 27 Presidents and Chairmen of leading built environment professional bodies. *(See full list in notes).

The letter expresses the professions' collective relief that the Bali conference ended with the beginnings of an international agreement on limiting national carbon emissions and recognises the Government's commitment to this through the presentation of the Climate Change Bill and the pledge to make all new homes and all new schools zero carbon by 2016.

Graham Watts, Chief Executive of CIC said, "CIC and its member organisations are committed to helping the Government deliver these targets and we are keen that these issues are given the highest priority. In the long term the industry would like to see all nations set out on the path to verifiably limit global emissions by 2050. Our members have the responsibility for designing, constructing and managing the built environment which is responsible for half the current level of carbon emissions, so we have a huge role to play in achieving the necessary change."

Ends

Notes to Editors:

About CIC

1. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist business associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants. CIC, CITB (NI) and CITB-ConstructionSkills are working as ConstructionSkills, the Sector Skills Council for Construction.



*The letter has been signed by the following members of CIC:

The Rt. Hon Nick Raynsford MP, Chairman, CIC
David Orr, President, Institution of Civil Engineers,
David Tuffin, President, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Diane Marshall, President, Association of Building Engineers
George Armstrong, President, Institute of Maintenance and Building Management
Janet O'Neill, President, The Royal Town Planning Institute
John Armstrong, President, Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers
John Cross, Chair, National Housing Federation
Keith Gabriel, Chairman, The Ground Forum
Mark Kennett, Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists
Martin Chambers, President, Chartered Institute of Building
Martin Manning, Chairman, Steel Construction Institute
Martin Wyatt, Chairman, BRE
Meredith Whilden, President, Institute of Clerks of Works
Mike Nichols, Chairman, British Institute of Facilities Management
Mike Slinn, President, Institution of Highways and Transportation
Mike Sutton, President, Institution of Civil Engineering
Neil Harvey, President, The Survey Association,
Neil Sandberg, Chairman, Association for Consultancy and Engineering
Nigel Thorne, President, Landscape Institute
Peter Cordy, Chairman, British Institute of Facilities Management
Reg James CBE, Chairman Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering
Sarah Buck, President, Institution of Structural Engineers
Steve Evans, President, LABC
Stuart Summerhayes, President, Association for Project Safety
Sunand Prasad, President, Royal Institute of British Architects
Tom Smith, Chairman, Building Services Research and Information Association

For further information please contact:

The CIC Press Office on 020 7399 7407 or press@cic.org.uk