British Aggregates Association

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BAA Receives Further Recognition of its Site Competence Audit Scheme

The British Aggregates Association (BAA) has been recognised for a significant health and safety initiative in the Construction Products Association (CPA) 2010 edition of Construction Products Innovation and Achievement (CPIA).

It is one of only 20 awards chosen for this year’s publication, which annually showcases the most innovative products and processes created by the industry during the last twelve months or so. The scheme has been developed over the last three years and is endorsed by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and the Quarries National Joint Advisory Council (QNJAC)

Robert Durward, Director of BAA;

“This award recognises the unique contribution our scheme makes in demonstrating that quarries are being operated in a competent manner. It provides a practical solution to a problem that has long bothered health and safety professionals and is already being adopted by other professional bodies.”

The BAA scheme provides an independent expert view on the safety of quarry operations and on whether compliance with health and safety legislation meets an acceptable standard. It is not intended to replace existing management practices but to reassure those ultimately responsible that both the management and operation of their sites are up to standard.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. The British Aggregates Association is the recognised trade body for independent SME aggregate producing companies. It has some 90 members, 60 of whom have operating quarries and represent some 12% of national output from some 180 individual sites.
2. The Construction Products Association represents the UK’s manufacturers and suppliers of construction products, components and fittings. The Association acts as the voice of the construction products sector, representing the industry-wide view of its members. The sector has an annual turnover of £40 billion and accounts for 40% of total construction output.
3. A number of other trade associations have expressed an interest in the scheme and some are drawing up their own versions.

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REFERENCES:
The full list of products in *Construction Products Innovation & Achievement 2010* is:

**Health, Safety and Security**
British Aggregate Association – Assesment of Operating Standards (In Quarries)
Brett Lanscspaing Limited – Online Rumbling
Pasquill, Saint-Gobain – Safe Span
Saint-Gobain Abrasives – TR250 H DF Phenomenon

**Energy and Carbon Saving**
Hanson UK – Measham Brick Factory (Brick Manufacture)
Kingspan Renewables Ltd – Varisol
Knauf Insulation Limited – Internal Wall Insulation System
Rockwool Limited and Ibstock Brick Limited – Brickshield
Solaglass, Saint-Gobain – SGG EcoClear
Tarmac – Tarmac Homes Project

**Improvements in Site Efficiency**
Aggregate Industries – Rail-Pod
Altro Ltd – Altro XpressLay Safety Flooring
JELD-WEN UK Ltd – Quick lock Stair Installation System
Wienerberger Ltd – Porotherm Walling System

**Resource Efficiency**
Finsa UK Ltd – Finlight
H+H UK – Supply Chain Initiatives
Lafarge Cement UK – Lafarge Cement collecting and Recycling Out-of-date Packed Cement
Marshalls plc – Water and Waste Savings
Naylor Drainage Ltd – Plastic Recycling and Processing Equipment
Tarmac Limited – Processing Recycled Asphalt Pavement