



## Minutes of the Soil Stabilisation Task Group Committee Meeting held at Watford on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2006

<b>Present:</b>	Al McDermid	AMcD	Beach Stabilisation (Chairman)
	Chris Clear	CC	British Cement Association
	Andrew Dunston	AD	BRE
	John Ferguson	JF	Balfour Beatty
	Steve Foster	SF	British Lime Association
	Hedley Greaves	HG	Buxton Lime Industries
	Ken Smith	KS	Smith Construction

### 1 Apologies for Absence

David Jones, Paul Edwards, Simon Harding, John Kennedy, Craig Notman.

### 2 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes agreed as full and correct.

### 3 Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

AMcD welcomed Ken Smith as a new member of the SSTG and noted that Graham Davey of Fitzpatrick has joined the SSTG and will be attending the next meeting.

A number of comments were made regarding poor attendance at the meeting, especially from the Contractor members. AMcD is to circulate a letter to the SSTG membership to stimulate interest and ask members what issues they want to see the group address.

A debate took place regarding how we can move the group forward and get greater involvement, especially by Contractor members. Suggestions included meeting less frequently and identifying a number of important topic issues for the SSTG to develop. Suggested topics included:

**Remediation** – CC will make a presentation to the next SSTG meeting on the market potential and problems associated with remediation.

Implications of HD26/06 for the Stabilisation Industry - Implications of the new guidance could be major. SSTG members to obtain a copy of HD26/06 from the HA website.

**Self Certification** – A discussion was held regarding the use of CN's checklist or other guidance documents which can be used for self certification. Although this has been discussed several times, the SSTG feels that there is value in progressing some form of certification. JF agreed to circulate the details of the HAPAS scheme. JF is to contact and canvas the major contractors to obtain their views on the value of a certification scheme. JF to circulate his in house guidance document to the SSTG.

**ACTION**

AMcD

CC

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The next meeting will hold a discussion regarding the acceptance of CN's checklist as a Britpave operating standards document.

ALL

An ad-hoc committee " Best Practice Group" is to be formed to discuss the creation and implementation of a stabilisation guidance and self certification system.

#### 4 **Health & Safety**

SF highlighted advice given regarding the wearing of goggle straps over the back of helmets. This can trap binder dust, which can then be transferred to the back of the neck, with the potential to cause burns.

It was also identified that rigger boots have been banned from being worn at an increasing number of sites as it is difficult to remove broken or dislocated ankles from the boot.

Gloves are also now mandatory at many sites.

#### 5 **Membership**

##### 6.1 Update

AMcD / DJ are to write to Contractor Members to encourage attendance at the SSTG Committee meetings. The aim is to identify and hopefully remove any objections to attendance and make sure that the SSTG is Contractor focussed.

AMcD / DJ

#### 6 **Subgroup Reports**

##### 7.1 Promotions Committee - SF Chairman

Website : [www.soilstabilisation.org.uk](http://www.soilstabilisation.org.uk)

See separate minutes.

##### 7.2 Remediation & Contamination Committee - CC Chairman

CC is to circulate the EA "Guidance for Waste" and the "Guidance for Waste Destined for Landfills" document.

CC

##### 7.3 Technical R&D (including HA update) Committee - CN Chairman

HG gave a report of the meeting that took place to discuss swell testing. HG to ask Paul Edwards to produce a short report.

HG

SF gave a brief update on the current review of EN459 - 1 "Building Lime". The next version will contain specifications for lime used in civil engineering, specifically for soil stabilisation. This will include chemical parameter designation, sizing and reactivity.

**HA update** – No report.

##### 7.4 Recycling of Existing Pavements Committee - GH Chairman

No report.



**7 Any Other Business**

The IHT will be holding a seminar on 30 January 2007 at Leamington Spa entitled "Sustainable and Innovative Solutions for Highway Improvement"

**8 Date of next meeting**

Next Promotions Committee meeting at 5.30pm on 23 January 2007.

Next Main Committee meeting at 10am on 24 January 2007 at Balfour Beatty M1 site office (Junction 8).