

## REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE FeRFA TECHNICAL SCREED COMMITTEE

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DATE: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
AT: Ibis Hotel, Dirft East Parklands, Crick, Northants

PRESENT:

Ian Perkins	Flowcrete
Shaun Howarth	Ardex
Dr Malcolm Bailey	Radlett Consultants
Daniel Olsen	Ronacrete
Jonathan Prendergast	Ronacrete
Spencer Warner	CSC Screeding
John Green	F Ball/DCP
Shamshad Ali	Instarmac
Andy Vincent	Tekfloor
Paul Oakley	Tekfloor
Helen McGachie	FeRFA

APOLOGIES: George Guesford, Kenton Penny, Scott Burns

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### ACTION

#### 1. FORMATION OF COMMITTEE & SCOPE OF WORK

Discussion took place on the role of the committee and the scope of work to be undertaken. It was agreed that the committee should fulfil an important role by providing guidance on best practice for the specification and application of screeding systems.

#### 2. BRITISH STANDARDS

BS 8204 Parts 1-3 give guidance on the selection and application of screeding systems and would form the basis of future guidance documents which should be written in a more “user friendly” style. Dr Malcolm Bailey is the Chairman for the British Standard Committee for this standard and invited additional representation from attendees. Ian Perkins, Spencer Warner, Andy Vincent and Paul Oakley confirmed their interest and FeRFA would formally contact BSI on their behalf. It was also noted that Kenton Penny is a representative on BS 5325 and BS 8203.

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#### 3. FeRFA GUIDANCE NOTES

It was agreed that the format of the FeRFA Guidance Note to the Specification and Application of Synthetic Resin Flooring systems would provide a useful template for a new Guide to the Selection and Installation of Screeding systems. This should be a general guidance note, following which a series of short guidance notes on specific topics would be produced. Topics suggested include:

- Screed design and grades of sand
- Moisture and drying times
- Screed Testing
- Protection & Curing
- Fibre Reinforcement
- Hardening & Drying
- Preparing Backgrounds
- Joints
- Calcium Sulfate Screeds
- Underfloor Heating
- Acoustic & Thermal Insulation
- Programming Guide for Main Contractors

#### 4. TRAINING

The pilot scheme for the Screeding Apprenticeship (NVQ L2 Diploma) started in April this year with 4 candidates. Helen McGachie gave a summary of the scheme schedule and the development work to date on the training material and training modules. Future work includes:

##### Module 11 Traditional Screeds

– venue to be sought and format of practical session to be agreed.

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##### Module 12 Calcium Sulfate Screed

- Draft presentation to be completed.
- Gyvlon and Cemex to be approached as training venue for this module scheduled May 2016

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##### Module 13 – Thermal Acoustic Insulation & Underfloor Heating

- Draft presentation to be produced
- Practical session format to be agreed and training venue for module scheduled October 2016. Andy Vincent suggested that contact be made with Brian Sensecall for assistance with this module.

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Further training development would include a series of upskilling one day training sessions.

#### 5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Andy Vincent suggested that an electronic forum may be useful for committee members to exchange views and forward comments. FeRFA does not currently have this facility but options would be considered.

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A volunteer Chairman for this committee is being sought and in the meantime FeRFA would facilitate future meetings.

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#### 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

ITEM	ACTION	BY	NOTES
2	British Standards	HM/MB	FeRFA to formally request that the Chairman of BS 8204-6 for additional representation: Ian Perkins, Spencer Warner, Andy Vincent, Paul Oakley
4	Module 11 Traditional Screeds	HM	Training venue required
4	Module 12 Calcium Sulfate	AV	Presentation to be completed, Gyvlon and Cemex to be approached as training venues
4	Module 13 Thermal Acoustic Insulation & Underfloor heating	AV	Draft presentation to be produced and training venue required. Contact to be made with Brian Sensecall
5	Committee Chairman	All	Volunteer required