

Welcome to the latest edition of the FeRFA enews



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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE 2016/17

Please note that the FeRFA office will be closed
from 17.00 Tuesday 20th December and re-open 9.00 on Wednesday 4th January



LATEST NEWS

NEW FeRFA MEMBERS

This month we are delighted to welcome three more members: joining as an associate is Apollo Construction Solutions, manufacturer PPG Architectural Coatings and Leeson Polyurethanes as a returning manufacturer member.

APOLLO CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS an Apollo Chemicals company

For over 20 years, internationally recognised construction companies have been trusting Apollo Construction Solutions to manufacture and supply high performance resins, adhesives, sealants and refurb products.

During this time, it has worked with many decorative surfacing companies to ensure that they can offer beautiful hardwearing permeable solutions compliant with SUDs regulations, along with easy-to-use resin repair and restore products.

Apollo's focus is on innovation, relationship building and staying ahead of market requirements. This allows it to create quality products that solve real-end user issues, whilst providing added-value services, including compliance, technical, logistics and marketing support.

Sandyway, Amington Industrial Estate, Tamworth, Staffordshire DY2 7DJ / www.apolloconstructionsolutions.co.uk / 01827 54281



PPG ARCHITECTURAL COATINGS

PPG is a global coatings company and a supplier of industrial floor systems within the UK. Based in Birstall (West Yorkshire), PPG works every day to develop, manufacture and deliver products its customers have trusted for more than 130 years. Through dedication and creativity, customers' biggest challenges are solved, collaborating closely with all key stakeholders to find the right flooring solutions for the project in hand.

It has a comprehensive range of specialist resin products covering a variety of FeRFA types. Known for their high performance, PPG products are widely used in key market sectors including commercial, residential and the nuclear industry.

Huddersfield Road, Birstall, West Yorkshire WF17 9XA / www.ppg.com / 01942 354354



LEESON POLYURETHANES LTD

Manufacturer of a wide range of formulated polyurethanes for adhesives, decorative coatings, UV and non-UV stable stone carpet systems, playground binders, anti-skid and waterproofing solutions, which are supplied in the UK and worldwide.

Hermes Close, Warwick CV34 6RP / www.lpultd.com / 01926 833367



TRAINING NEWS

Resin 15 apprentices take their final module at Resdev

The Resin 15 apprentices spent three days at Resdev's training facility in Elland to complete their formal training. The apprentices had plenty of practical hands-on experience and the group thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to apply quartz materials and gain practice on their trowel work to take those skills into the workplace. On the final day, FeRFA trainer, Terry Foxley gave the learners a review of the course as a whole and guidance on the next steps in the apprentices' progress towards achieving their NVQ level 2 Diplomas.



Boud Minerals kindly supplied the quartz mix for the Resdev screed - all of which was donated free of charge. The apprentices were able to perfect their techniques in screeding and coving working on purpose built wooden frames.

The apprentices in Resin group 15 are: Christopher Davey & Liam King (IRL Group Ltd), Alex Bowers (John Lord & Son Ltd), Paul Ratcliffe, Anthony Rowell and Matthew Haines (Midland Industrial Flooring), Robert Atkins (Central Flooring Services) and Aiden Binns (Hart Site Services Ltd)

Screeding apprentices complete their training at The Preparation Group

The first part of the training module covered compliance and testing, robust details and installation methods for thermal and acoustic insulation, and was delivered by industry expert Ian Griffiths of Thermal Economics. The main focus of the second session was underfloor heating systems and installation methods from industry specialist Andy Vincent.

This is the final classroom module for this group who will use the skills learnt in the classroom to continue gaining experience in the workplace with their employers. They are due to complete in March 2017 following assessment by the FeRFA industry assessor. This group of apprentices will be the first in the UK to achieve the NVQL2 Insitu Flooring Screeds qualification via an apprenticeship route.

The apprentices in this group are shown in the centre with: (L-R) Andy Vincent (trainer), Michael Gibbs and Thomas Henderson (Trent Construction Services) and Scott Barclay from TPS360 then Ian Griffiths (trainer) of Thermal Economics.



The newest group of FeRFA apprentices take part in their second training sessions at Altro



Group 18 resin flooring apprentices travelled to Altro in Letchworth for modules 4 and 5. This, the second block on their training scheme, provided them with a comprehensive introduction to resin flooring systems and was followed by sessions on work practice and project planning on the second day.

The apprentices were also given time to get familiar with FeRFA's on-line elearning portal and went through the health and safety module with all passing the on-line test.

Apprentices in Resin Group 18 are: Craig Bowden (Britannia Industrial Flooring Ltd), Jordan Kingston (Coatech Ltd), Craig MacGregor and Phillip Rockett (Euro Resin), Meshach Barrow and Daniel Dainty (John Lord & Son Ltd), Michael Hutchinson, Philip Whitehall, Darren Collinson and Robert Rochford (Polydeck Resins Ltd), Lewis Pearce (Ryebrook Resins Flooring Ltd), Brendan Thomas (Stonhard UK Ltd) and Joe Walters (Top Team UK Ltd)

For more details on the apprenticeship scheme, NVQ 3 and 6 and other training opportunity visit the dedicated section of the FeRFA website at: <http://www.ferfa.org.uk/training.php>



UPSKILLING COURSE - Specifying and Selecting Resin Flooring - 25 January

A one-day course on the Selecting and Specification of Resin Flooring Systems is being scheduled for:

Wednesday 25 January in the Coventry area - venue TBA

The cost for the training day is subsidised by FeRFA and is just £50 each (for FeRFA Members) which includes all training, course papers, lunch and refreshments plus a certificate upon successful completion. CITB levy payers may also be eligible for grant funding of £50 (daily training plan rate).

TO BOOK A PLACE or for more information call FeRFA on 07484 075254.

For more details on all the upskilling courses that are available please visit the [Upskilling page of the website](#).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT NVQs

For those that want to take the next step in their career, FeRFA organises courses for NVQ 3 and 6.

► **The next NVQ level 3 is starting on 30 & 31 January in Nottingham.**

It is 10 day course which takes three months and consists of 9 Modules (which are taken over 10 days as off-site training).

The cost for the course per candidate is £2520 payable in three instalments, and the current CITB grant is £2,225 (plus 10% if levy paid in time). This includes all the training plus food and accommodation for the training days.

For more information on this great grant-funded training opportunity click on this link, which gives details on the modules as well: www.ferfa.org.uk/pdf/Training/SupervisorTrainingInfo.pdf

➤ **The next NVQ level 6 will start on 13 & 14 February and be held in Nottingham.**

The course includes 12 days, in two day sessions around 6 weeks apart, in the classroom and at the same time candidates will work, using on-line workbooks, to gather a portfolio of evidence during that time. The process will be fully explained at the first sessions. Once the programme is complete and enough evidence has been gathered candidates will achieve their qualification.

The course is £2,800 and grants are available for CITB levy payers totalling £1,900. Hotel accommodation can be booked locally to the course if required, at £50 + VAT per person, per night and includes breakfast but no evening meal.

* CITB grant funding is available to in-scope companies only.

SITE MANAGEMENT SAFETY TRAINING SCHEME COURSES

TAC (Training and Assessment Consultants) has an SMSTS course (Site Management Safety Training Scheme) running on the following dates at its premises in Nottingham.

➤ 19th & 20th January 2017 and then 23rd, 24th & 25th January 2017 (five days)

For more information contact Louise on 0115 9852455 or visit www.tacltd.org.uk

ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

Each month we have a special focus on FeRFA Associate members who provide specialist services and products into the resin flooring and screeding markets. This month we are shining the spotlight on Tramex and NCC North West

Full details on all Associate Members are available in the [FeRFA Associates' Catalogue](#).

TRAMEX

Tramex is a manufacturer of high quality moisture and humidity measurement equipment, producing a range of instruments for the testing of concrete and floor screeds to British & International Standards as well our own patented instant moisture content test which conforms to ASTM F2659 and allows the user to

monitor drying of floors and determine best location for further testing when appropriate. Tramex has been the leader in non-destructive moisture meters for over 40 years and continue to lead the market in quality and innovation.



Unit F, Glencormack Business Park, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, Ireland / www.tramexmeters.com / +353 1 282 7880

NCC (NORTH WEST) LTD

NCC is a leading distributor of specialist flooring and chemical products for the construction and building industry. Working with major international manufacturers, NCC offers a wide range of resin flooring products, concrete repair, sealants, masonry products and waterproofing systems. NCC has now been established at its head office in Chorley for more than 30 years. The NCC technical team has extensive experience in the UK's Specialist Resin Flooring market and will offer comprehensive advice and guidance on the selection and application of resin flooring systems. As the leading flooring product and system distributors, NCC also provides fast and reliable nationwide supply and delivery services - and all at the best possible prices.



Unit 2 Woodside, Ackhurst Road, Common Bank, Chorley PR7 1NH / www.resinflooringsite.co.uk / 01257 266696

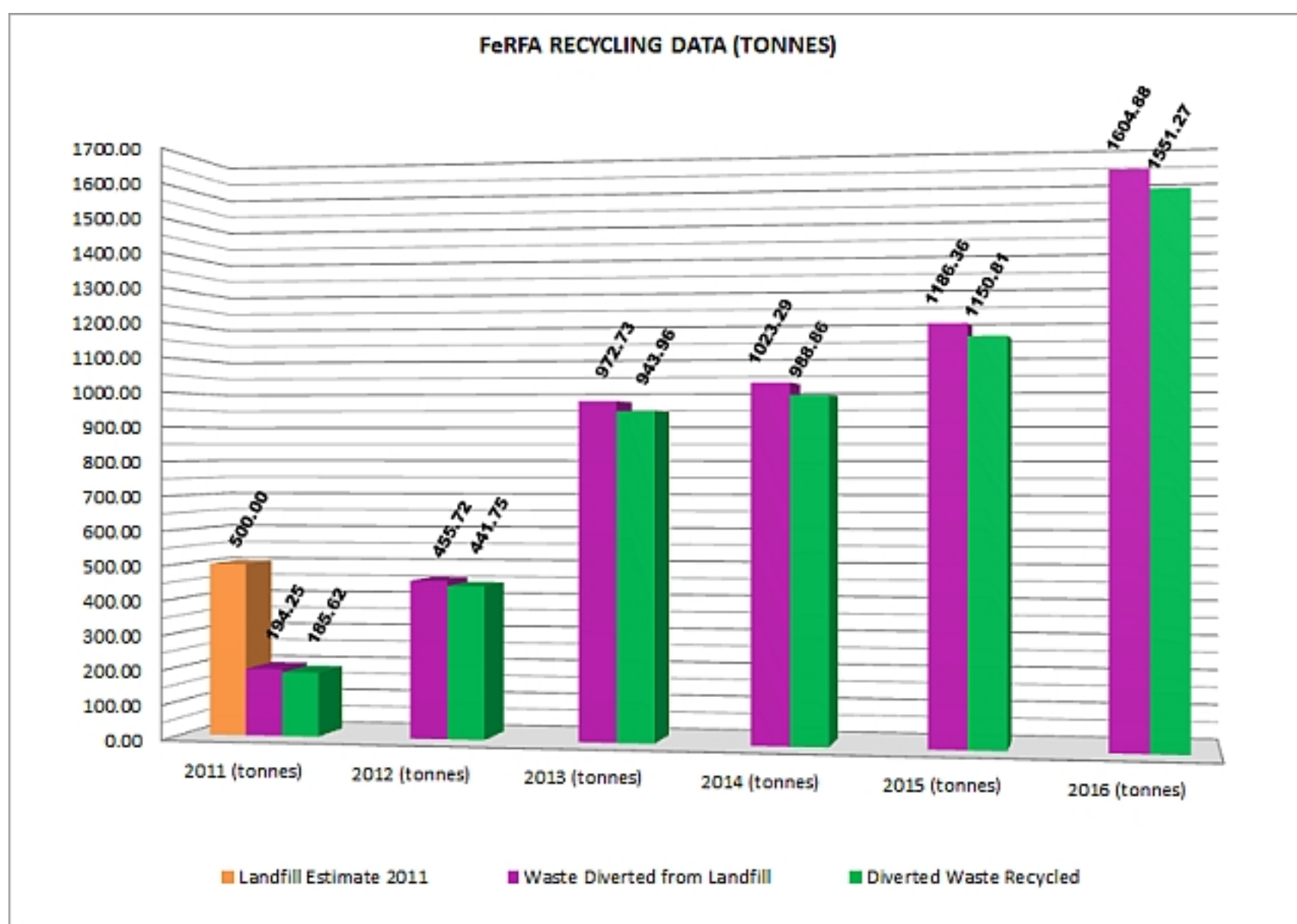
RECYCLING - SET FOR RECORD YEAR

This year we are on target to report a 50% increase on the waste which was diverted from landfill in 2015. This goes to show how things have changed since FeRFA members started reporting their data in 2011. In five years the total is now over EIGHT times more than then!

If you aren't submitting your company data, it is very simple to do using our spreadsheet we only require two figures per month - total weight collected and total weight recycled or recovered. *[An easy to use template can be downloaded from the Recycling Section within the FeRFA Members Area.](#)* The spreadsheet also provides you with a useful graph which you can show to clients and potential customers to demonstrate your commitment to sustainable practices. (If you use [Reconomy](#) as your waste provider, you do not have to provide separate statistics.)

If you are a manufacturer, FeRFA Recycling partner, [Protech Plastics Containers](#) can supply containers in various sizes to suit your product range, which are now produced from **40% recycled material**. Call Protech on 01827 314615.

More details on the recycling initiative are here: <http://www.ferfa.org.uk/recycling.php>



FeRFA's partner in the recycling scheme, Reconomy, can assist you to reduce your total waste management costs, increase your landfill diversion, ensure compliance, under current Environment Agency legislation, maintain consistency and best practice across all sites and back-office functions.

You can read Reconomy's latest [Sustainability Report here](#)

National rates from Reconomy, for both hazardous and non hazardous materials, [can be downloaded here](#)

Read more on [achieving zero waste to landfill here](#).

Members have a dedicated service team at Reconomy who will assist you with all of your enquiries and purchase orders. Service team members are:

- Kayleigh Fone - FeRFA Business Development Executive
- Alyson Westbrook & Georgina Powell - FeRFA Key Account Team



FeRFA MEMBER BENEFITS

COBRA INSURANCE BROKERS

Cobra Insurance has been working with FeRFA for many years, is extremely experienced in our industry and is able to offer a bespoke range services and products specific to the resin flooring sector, including:

- [Commercial Insurance](#)
- [Retention Bonds](#)
- [Insurance Backed Guarantees](#)
- [Latent Defects Insurance](#)
- [Resin Bound Warranty Scheme](#)

If you have not spoken to Howard Collins before, or it is sometime since you reviewed your insurance needs do get in contact with him, for a FREE insurance health check and a no obligation quote, on 07775 888933 or email [here](#) or visit www.cobrainurance.co.uk

H&S UPDATE PLUS BUSINESS SHIELD STALLARD KANE ASSOCIATES

Stallard Kane Associates Ltd provide a support service to the SME place for both Health & Safety and Employment Law. FeRFA members can access its services for free via the Business Shield - detailed below.



The latest news from SKA looks at:

➤ **Hermes case 'highlights need for organisations to review employment status'**

News of an HMRC investigation into pay rates for courier company Hermes' delivery drivers has shone a spotlight on the grey area surrounding employment status and minimum wages – and highlighted the need for organisations to carefully review their practices, according to employment lawyers. Grey areas over self-employment likely to be biggest workplace legal issue of the next decade, say experts. [Read more...](#)

➤ **Bolton night club owner fined over asbestos exposure**

A Bolton night club owner has been sentenced after admitting a failure to carry out a survey for asbestos before starting on the refurbishment of a local night club. [Read more...](#)

➤ **Other news stories from SKA on current issues [are available here](#).**

Don't forget you can benefit from FeRFA's FREE Business Shield in partnership with Stallard Kane Associates to ensure you are always up to date.

SKA understands that busy management teams don't always have the time to keep up-to-date with changes in workplace legislation and health and safety policies, which is why FeRFA has supplied FeRFA Business Shield as a key member benefit

All FeRFA members have FREE access to the Business Shield service giving you:

- **FREE** access to the FeRFA Business Shield online portal
- **FREE** and unlimited use of the 24hr hotline
- **FREE** one hour review of your daily activity and associated risks
- **FREE** one hour review of your existing employment contracts

Further details on the service are available in the [brochure here](#).

All FeRFA members are supplied with a unique username and password for the FeRFA Business Shield and can speak to an advisor to answer any queries that you may have regarding the service.

In the meantime, members can access the advice line on 0345 076 6485.

The dedicated FeRFA Business Shield Account Manager is Barry Nicol, please call him on 07854 938693 for more details.



OTHER NEWS

CSCS LAUNCH NEW SMARTCARD VIDEOS

The Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) recently launched four new animated videos explaining what the SmartCard can do for you and your construction site. Watch our videos to find out how the SmartCard could transform your business. [Watch here](#)



NO CSCS CARDS NEEDED FOR NVQ VERIFIERS AND ASSESSORS

External verifiers and assessors do not require CSCS cards. CSCS cards are only intended for those working in construction related occupations. It is the responsibility of site managers to ensure the safety of non-construction personnel. [Read more](#)

BUILD UK NEWSLINE

The latest edition of the Build UK Newsline is available at builduk-newsline.org.uk where you can find more on:

- Fair Payment
- Health and Safety
- Image
- Pre-Qualification
- Training & Skills and
- Other News



MEETINGS, SEMINARS & EXHIBITIONS 2017

EXHIBITIONS & EVENTS 2017

- [ARHICTECT@WORK](#) January 25-26, Olympia London
- [SURFACE DESIGN SHOW](#) February 7-9, Business Design Centre Islington London

➤ [ECOBUILD 2017](#) March 7-9, Excel London

There is a free international matchmaking event during Ecobuild 2017 on **Wednesday 8th of March at ExCel London**. It provides a forum for potential business partners to come together via pre-arranged 30-minute one-to-one meetings. You can find out more on www.b2match.eu/ecobuild2017

➤ [FACILITIES SHOW](#) June 20-22, Excel, London

APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME DATES 2016/17

Resin 15: formal modules finished - in Assessment Period

Resin 16: Feb 21-23 for Mod 13 at Resdev, Elland, then Apr 19-20 for Mod 14 at Instarmac, Tamworth

Resin 17: Feb 8/9 for Mod 11 at Sika, Welwyn Garden City, then May 3-4 for Mod 12 at BASF, Redditch

Resin 18: Feb 8/9/10 for Mods 6-9 at DSA, Nottingham, then Apr 4/5 for Mod 10 at Preparation Group, Lincoln

Screed 1: formal modules finished - in Assessment Period

FeRFA MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2016/17

FeRFA OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: Closing 17.00 Tuesday 20th December and re-open 9.00 on Wednesday 4th January

FeRFA Council Meeting: Wednesday 22 February (venue to be confirmed)

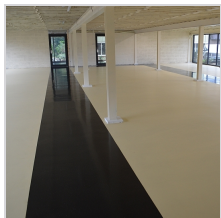
FeRFA Technical Screed Committee Meeting: Wednesday 15 February at 1.15 (joint lunch with Technical) at Ibis Rugby East

FeRFA Technical Meeting: Wednesday 15 February at 10.00 at Ibis, Rugby East (joint lunch with Screeds Committee)

FeRFA MEMBERS' NEWS

FeRFA members can add news stories via the Members Area of the website. For more information on how to access this facility contact FeRFA.

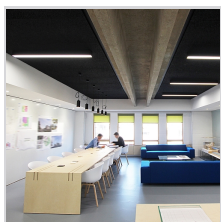
Use the following links for more [COMPANY NEWS](#) or you can go to specific [CASE STUDIES](#) and [GALLERIES](#)



[Cattery Floor Combines Colour with Cleanability](#)

Resin Coating Specialists used Flowcrete UK industrial flooring solutions for a multifunctional animal care and equestrian facility that wanted to build a new, high-end cattery. [Read more...](#)

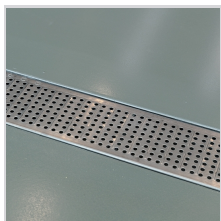
Resin Coating Specialists & Flowcrete UK Ltd



[Mapei to exhibit at Architect @ Work 2017](#)

Mapei will be exhibiting at Architect @ Work, in Olympia, London on 25-26 January 2017. Visit Mapei specification managers and product specialists on Stand 21, who will be on hand to offer advice. [Read more...](#)

Mapei UK Ltd



[McDaid and Sika keep the coffee flowing for Costa](#)

Costa Coffee's highest-producing roasting plant in Basildon required a high-quality flooring to cover a 5,000m2 area. The system needed to be durable, sustainable with thermal capabilities of up to 70°C. [Read more...](#)

McDaid Screeding Services Ltd & Sika Ltd



[Introducing the Euclid Group: A World Leader in Construction Chemicals](#)

The Euclid Group has announced its formation by joining several RPM International Inc. subsidiaries in business together, with the predominant operating companies being Euclid Chemical, Eucomex, Toxement, Cave, Viapol, Flowcrete, RPM Belgium and Vandex. [Read more...](#)

Flowcrete UK Ltd



[Installing Comfort Flooring at Whitley Engineering Centre](#)

Zenith offered Jaguar Land Rover a seamless self-smoothing comfort floor as an alternative to traditional vinyl, which provided an attractive yet resilient, hard-wearing, scratch resilient finish. [Read more...](#)

Zenith Pola Flooring Services Ltd & Remmers (UK) Ltd



[RSL meets commercial kitchen brief for Hilton Hotel](#)

Leading manufacturer Resin Surfaces Limited (RSL) has supplied commercial flooring to one of the Hilton group's newest London hotels. [Read more...](#)

Resin Surfaces Ltd



[Cost, Time and Compliance – 6 Ways to Control Waste](#)

From planning to tracking progress on your construction project, don't let waste add to your construction cost problems. Reconomy offers top tips on how to manage the cost of construction waste [Read more...](#)

Reconomy



[Bund at Kemble Airfield gets upgraded](#)

Oasis Environments Ltd recently completed a 1100m3 bund coating and linings project at Kemble Airfield. [Read more...](#)

Oasis Environments Ltd



[Looking for work in the Resin Flooring Industry?](#)

See the latest vacancies in the resin flooring industry

Visit the FeRFA Situations Vacant page [here...](#)

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