

# FeRFA E-Newsletter



**MAY 2022**



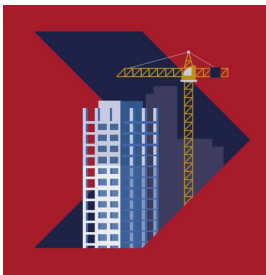
## **Common Assessment Standard Latest**

**ISG** is the latest Build UK member to adopt the Common Assessment Standard for its pre-qualification (PQ) requirements, with Head of Supply Chain Rob Scriven

highlighting how *“removing the burden of administration and eliminating inefficient practices is a win for us all”*. ISG joins a **growing list** of organisations using the Common Assessment Standard, and members of the supply chain can now obtain just one certification from any of the four Recognised Assessment Bodies - **Achilles**, **CHAS**, **Constructionline** and **CQMS** - in order to tender for work with them.

The **Common Assessment Standard**, which is endorsed by the CLC, has two levels of certification - desktop and site-based - and companies should apply for the appropriate level depending on their trade, size and the requirements of their clients.

All the latest news regarding the Common Assessment Standard can be found in our **PQ update**.



## Cyber Security in Construction

Over 60% of large companies in the UK reported having cyber security breaches or attacks in 2020/21 and the construction sector is particularly vulnerable due to its complex supply chains and high cash flow. Whilst the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has confirmed it is not aware of any specific cyber threats in light of the war in Ukraine, it is **calling on UK organisations** to bolster their online defences to reduce the risk of falling victim to an attack. It has published **Cyber Security for Construction Businesses** providing tailored guidance for the industry on how to protect its businesses and building projects from common cyber threats, including spear-phishing, ransomware and supply chain attacks.

The NCSC also has a dedicated construction group and any Contractor members interested in discussing their experiences and learning from others are invited to **nominate a representative to Build UK**.

## Fuel Theft

The removal of the red diesel rebate and rising fuel prices are resulting in an increase in high value fuel thefts, which can lead to costly delays as well as environmental issues. Secured by

Design has published **guidance** on reducing the risk of theft, which includes improving site security and securing fuel tanks.

## FeRFA Awards Dinner 2022

FeRFA's 2022 Awards Dinner is being held on Friday 18th November 2022  
- further details coming soon.

Entries will be opening shortly for the awards so now is the perfect opportunity to start thinking about who to nominate for the following categories:-

**Small industrial project of the year**  
**Large industrial project of the year**  
**Small commercial project of the year**  
**Large commercial project of the year**  
**Outstanding contribution to FeRFA**



## TRAINING NEWS



Training continued this month with our three resin flooring groups: Resin 25, 26 & 27.

**Resin 25 & 26 groups completed module 13 - 'Resin Screeds & Coving'**

Learners in the group were:- Lewis, Jenson and Ryan from TPS 360, Cole from CJ Surfaces and Cameron and Shane from F H Harvey UK.



**Resin 27 group completed modules 4&5 - 'Introduction to In Situ Resin Flooring' and 'Work Practice & Project Planning'**

Learners in the group were:- Timothy from Resin Floors Telford Ltd, Gavin & Jack from Central Flooring Services Ltd and Tyler, Kyle & Thomas from John L Lord (Rizistal) Ltd.



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We would like to thank FeRFA Training Officer Jack Longden and The Preparation Group and Resdev Ltd for the use of their facilities

  
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Resin Development

## PRESS RELEASES

  
**Husqvarna**

During 2022, Husqvarna Construction will launch its new range of versatile H-class dust extractors. Created to complement working with grinders, power cutters, drill motors and other



light construction equipment, the five dust extractors in the range include two battery driven models and are designed to contribute to a healthier working environment while increasing productivity.

For further details click [here](#)



## **Revamped Mapei World London City Specification Centre reopens in Clerkenwell**

Mapei has re-opened its Specification Centre – [Mapei World London City](#) - following a full refurbishment. The dedicated specification space, at 6 Great Sutton Street in the heart of Clerkenwell, showcases Mapei's extensive range of products and systems for all stages of construction. The striking new space features a new 'zoned' interior design, new product installations and displays by the Mailen Design team and Contractors, Heydon & Carr.

Mapei's newly refurbished centre flows through three zones: Welcome - a social and inspirational area; Learning - featuring finished product displays and CPD space and Technical - which includes larger meeting spaces and technical support resources. The contemporary white design is punctuated with colourful furniture and gallery-style sample displays; key finished products feature throughout application and display areas, from the bespoke Ultratop Loft micro-cement flooring to an eye-catching grout installation which features the latest shades in the new range. Wall coating and cementitious flooring samples are displayed in a wide colour spectrum and the technical area features a range of construction samples for systems 'beneath the surface'.

Mapei specialists are available to provide product advice, samples and recommend the best solutions for all project sectors, helping solve challenges at every stage of construction - from foundation to roof.

Many of Mapei's 23 individual product lines are represented at [Mapei World London City](#). They include systems for the installation of ceramic and stone tiles, products for the

installation of resilient, textile and wood flooring, cementitious and resin flooring, protective and decorative wall coatings, products for masonry repair, thermal insulation, acoustic insulation, waterproofing, roofing, marine, structural strengthening and concrete repair - and many more niche offers including admixtures for concrete, tunnelling and grinding aids. Celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, Mapei is now one of the world's leading manufacturers of chemical products for the building industry and has contributed to the construction of some of the most important architectural and infrastructural works worldwide. For more information, please contact: [info@mapei.co.uk](mailto:info@mapei.co.uk) or find more about the [Specification Centre here](#).



## MEMBER CASE STUDIES

**LASERCROFT**  
/ Resin Flooring Applicators

### New factory flooring in food manufacturing

Fusco Foods is a family business tracing its roots back to 1968. Lasercroft was selected to provide advice and guidance on a resin flooring solution for a new factory in Whitby, North Yorkshire.

Following an initial discussion and several drawings and alterations, Lasercroft worked out how to lay the facility to falls to ensure a free-draining floor. Once building commenced we carried out site surveys of the factory, entrance foyer and staircase, we recommended the high endurance Pumadur HF product for their main production areas to suit their hygiene and durability requirements. To enhance the appearance of the entrance and staircase and to provide a wow factor for visitors, we recommended the Glitterati PAS system.

The implementation process for the main factory included scabbling the new concrete to provide a suitable key. Any cracks were chased out, cleaned, and thoroughly vacuumed, ready for the application of reinforced pro mesh. The mesh was then bedded with a skim of modified epoxy resin to bring a 'belt and braces' factor to the new system and reduce the risk of any future problems. A polymer modified screed was laid to our suggested falls to ensure water drained throughout to the new channels.

After the screed cured for approximately 48 hours, we applied a 6mm Pumadur HF Polyurethane Resin to approximately 500m<sup>2</sup>. Rooms were finished off with 100mm high Pumadur WR coved skirtings to the perimeter walls and expansion joints installed where needed.

The final process included grinding down the existing screed and applying the Resdev Glitterati system in the entrance/reception foyer and staircase area.

*'Lasercroft has recently completed the resin floor of our new factory unit, which features many gradient floors that include several drainage systems. Before work, Lasercroft offered guidance, pre-planning advice and various solutions for the different features within our floor. The project was completed on time and budget to a high standard with a great team. We would highly recommend them.'* Raymond Fusco



## ASSOCIATE SPOTLIGHT

This month, FeRFA are highlighting two more of our Associate members. Associate members are companies who are involved indirectly with the manufacture, application and maintenance of resin flooring such as Surface Preparation Plant Suppliers, Chemical Suppliers to Manufacturer members, floor cleaning machinery suppliers, test houses etc.





Multi-Hire Power Tools of Warrington, Cheshire offers excellent and reliable tool hire services including a vast array of flooring and surface preparation equipment (grinders, scabblers, planers and sanders, etc.), forced action mixers, 3 phase generators and power tools. Multi-Hire prides itself on offering expertise, exceptional levels of customer service and competitive rates. For 25 years Multi-Hire Power Tools have been in business as a tool hire shop offering a wide range of tough, well-maintained, top brand machines, tools and access equipment to the construction and flooring industries. Additionally, there is a tool and machine service and repair facility staffed with time served expert engineers, as well as selling an excellent range of top quality building and flooring consumables and accessories, including grinding discs.

Customer service is our priority to ensure complete customer satisfaction, and the staff at Multi-Hire are friendly and obliging and able to offer advice and useful tips through their unique product knowledge.

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We specialise in stocking products for the application of liquid coating systems for the flooring and roofing industries along with consumables and tools required by concrete repair contractors and other associated industries. We also stock a vast range of industrial supplies including PPE, Hand Tools, Workwear, Janitorial Products and Power Tools. This makes us the single supply solution for all your consumable needs. Reducing your overall carriage charges, administration costs and time when dealing with multiple suppliers.

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## MEMBER BENEFITS



**H&S Advice and Business Shield from  
Stallard Kane Associates**

FeRFA are keen to provide additional benefits to our members and we work hard to secure partners who offer simple solutions that could help you and your business.

For a number of years, our partner **Stallard Kane Associates Ltd** have provided FeRFA Business Shield as part of the FeRFA membership package and as we approach the anniversary of this long term relationship we are delighted to confirm the expansion of the offering moving forward.

With immediate effect you will receive the following services for **FREE**:

- **Unlimited** HR & employment law telephone support via the FeRFA Business Shield helpline on 0345 076 6485
- **Unlimited** health & safety telephone support via the FeRFA Business Shield helpline on 0345 076 6485
- Access to the FeRFA Business Shield exclusive members area with many downloadable templates and guidance such as risk assessments.
- Complementary gap analysis to review your current health & safety and/or HR & employment law management systems. This can be carried out at your premises or remotely subject to availability.
- Complementary training needs analysis

The above are **ALL** included as part of your annual FeRFA membership and there is no charge to set up additional access.

Your dedicated Account Manager is Amanda Modev who will be more than happy to discuss the above in greater detail should you have any queries, wish to arrange a meeting, or if you indeed require additional consultancy support on top of the above complementary benefits such as the creation of documentation including policies, contracts of employment or indeed workplace and site audits.

Tel: 01427 678 660

Read more about Stallard Kane [here](#).

## PIB Insurance Brokers

PIB Insurance Brokers will continue to have access to a wider range of experts across many different industry sectors and insurance types. They'll also be able to draw on the skills of colleagues in PIB Risk Management and PIB Employee Benefits to provide you with important services beyond your insurance needs, should you need them.

If you would like to speak to Howard about your company insurance needs and organize a **free insurance health check** please don't hesitate to contact him

at [howard.collins@pib-insurance.com](mailto:howard.collins@pib-insurance.com) or call him on 07775 888933.

FeRFA and PIB Insurance Brokers are excited to offer a facility which gives all your resin floor protection with an **INSURANCE BACKED WARRANTY**. The scheme has been set up so that **all your customers** benefit from the **security** of an **Insurance backed warranty** once you are signed up. You pay an upfront premium based on your annual turnover and then simply register each resin contract online when completed.

Click [here](#) for more information



## Contract Review Service



CONTRACT AND LEGAL SERVICES

FeRFA have partnered with BEB Contract & Legal Services so that as a member of FeRFA, you will get 10% off their Bronze, Silver and Gold packages for bespoke, robust contracts.

Contact BEB on 01604 217365 or email [info@bebconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:info@bebconsultancy.co.uk) and quote FeRFA10 to get started.

BEB are passionate about protecting businesses with watertight contracts. It's what they do, day in, day out. Their approach is hands-on so they'll find out as much as they can about what your business does, how you work and any problem customers you may have had – because it's only when talking about those practical, real-life issues you've encountered that BEB get to really understand how to protect you from those things happening again, in your T&Cs

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- Terms and conditions
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OR are you signing contracts you don't really understand? BEB offer a unique review service where they will check and confirm if the contract you've been sent:

- Protects you fully
- Is clear and unambiguous
- Contains clauses that could be risky for your business

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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## Surfex moved to June 2022

Following review of the major considerations, the Board of Surfex Ltd - unanimously supported by OCCA - has taken the decision to reschedule the dates in the interests of allowing Surfex to take place in a period that offers a high degree of confidence in a successful outcome.

**Accordingly the dates of Surfex are 7 – 8 June 2022.**



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The complete event for surface & coatings technology

EXHIBITION 7-8 June  
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