

NEW CRA INITIATIVES

The UK Concrete Repair Association (CRA) is to ballot its members with regard to ensuring that all full member companies become BS EN 14001 accredited by July 2010.

The decision to comply with the environmental Standard was taken at the Association's recent general meeting, where the initiative was fully accepted by those in attendance. Provided the ballot receives an affirmative reaction, accreditation it will eventually become an essential requirement to full membership of the Association, which was originally established in 1988.

BS EN ISO 14001 specifies the requirements for an environmental management system (EMS), which provides a framework for an organisation to control the environmental impacts of its activities, products and services and to continually improve its environmental performance. It applies to those environmental aspects that the organisation can control and over which it can be expected to have an influence. It does not itself state specific environmental performance criteria.

BS EN ISO 14001 is applicable to any organisation that wishes to (1) Implement, maintain and improve an environmental management system, (2) Assure itself of its conformance with its stated environmental policy, (3) Demonstrate such conformance to others, (4) Seek certification/registration of its environmental management system by an external organisation and (5) Make a self-determination and self-declaration of conformance with this international standard.

The CRA has also accepted its Distributor members into full membership of the Association. All current and future Distributor companies will therefore also have to meet the essential requirements of membership.

In addition to Distributors, the CRA represents the UK's specialist concrete renovation contractors, product manufacturers and associated organisations. Each full member company must demonstrate a proven track record and overall proven ability in this specialist construction sector, be Q.A. Accredited to ISO 9000 and to conform to the Association's Codes of Practice and Training requirements. By setting such self-regulating standards and procedures, engineers, authorities, clients and other specifiers are able to select from established professional organisations for concrete repair projects.

Copies of the CRA's 2008 Members Directory are available free of charge from the Secretary, Concrete Repair Association, Tournai Hall, Evelyn Woods Road, Aldershot GU11 2LL. Tel: 01252 357835. Fax: 01252 357831. Email: admin@cra.org.uk or visit www.cra.org.uk

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