



Think Green for a brighter future

BASEC has been urging cable manufacturers to consider the long term impact of their products and the very real need to consider better ways of managing scrap cable, preferably at a local level. Local recycling schemes are already in place for other construction materials.

The Eco-Green Cable Certification Scheme allows manufacturers to gather information and demonstrate that they have effective systems in place to verify the absence of the designated hazardous substances from their products to ensure they conform to legislation such as RoHS. It is a rigorous verification process that BASEC's own teams of high skilled engineers and auditors manage.

With a need to address a broader range of environmental issues such as carbon footprint and recycled content, BASEC now recommends that cablemakers use their established information gathering systems, and the Eco-Green scheme has been broadened to this effect. Please don't hesitate to contact us for more information on this issue.

Faulty cables

issue won't go away

Don't take a supplier's claim of compliance at face value that's the message from BASEC as faulty products become a major industry issue. The announcement comes as BASEC reveals it has been contacted over recent weeks and months by a number of traders, cablemakers and end users with examples of faulty or non-compliant cable. [More...](#)



Flood protection products review begins

With the rapid change in technologies and heightened awareness of issues in flood protection since 2003, the British Standards Institution (BSI) Professional Standards Services team is inviting participation in a review of the publicly available specification PAS 1188 - Flood protection products. [More...](#)

Take note of core colour change

With Hong Kong's changeover to new core colours having taken place, BASEC is advising UK contractors conducting work in Hong Kong to be aware and make sure they follow advice. Hong Kong has adopted a new cable colour code for new fixed electrical installations and additions or alterations to existing fixed electrical installations. [More...](#)



Manufacturing has a place in the UK, says CBI

Businesses that manufacture have a strong future in the UK, but government policy has not caught up with the changing dynamics of the sector, the new CBI Manufacturing Council Chairman Andrew Reynolds Smith has said. [More...](#)

Think high standards for yourself

From sunglasses to ice cream, and tents to beach flags, British Standards Institution is trying to make summer as safe and as simple as possible with simple and straightforward advice for consumers. [More...](#)



Contractors 'may be missing out'

The chairman of M&E Sustainability, a pan-industry campaign, has warned specialist contractors that they will miss out on valuable business opportunities unless they revolutionise the way they do business. M&E Sustainability is developing a series of technical standards, training courses and awareness campaigns to ensure businesses are geared up to deal with the growing demand for sustainable building services. [More...](#)

Engineering 'facing crisis'

The engineering and technology sector is facing a growing recruitment crisis and there is little confidence that the problem will improve in the short or medium term the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) has warned. [More...](#)



CIBSE get set for clean-up success

CIBSE's 100 days of Carbon Clean Up Campaign 2007 is set to generate even more energy and enthusiasm than last year with the UK's largest integrated energy company, E.ON, signing up as sponsor of the initiative. [More...](#)

Low voltage cable leader is a client

We welcome new client RR Kabel Ltd, based in Mumbai, India, one of the fastest growing low voltage cable manufacturing companies in Asia and the first Indian cable company to have gained BASEC certification. The fast-growing company's first supplier since 1999 is certified for its BS 6004 and BS 6500 range of cables. The company has built a temple, pictured on the edge of the site for its employees.



Events for your diary

ISEF 2007, 13-15 September, Prague - during the last 30 years, the Symposium provided a forum for specialists engaged in research on applied electromagnetism. The ISEF 2007 edition introduces a new section Electromagnetic phenomena in electrical power systems.

CBI Business Summit, 15 September, London - More and more companies depend on their knowledge and brainpower to stay competitive, but are feeling the impact of talent shortages in growth markets, in specialist skills, and at the leadership level. The summit examines the issues.

Earthing and bonding, 27 Sept, Manchester Conference Centre - For this one day workshop, the IET Built Environment Technologies Network (BETNET) has invited a group of eminent speakers to present the basic concepts and applications necessary for the design and construction of earthing and bonding networks, to meet personnel safety and functional needs (e.g. in special locations or ITE applications) of buildings.

Electrical Measurements, 18 Oct, National Physical Laboratory, Middlesex - Delegates attending this seminar will learn fundamental techniques and best practice in making and assessing precision measurements.

CBI Manufacturing Dinner, 18 Oct, ICC Birmingham - This annual event brings the industry together to celebrate the crucial role that manufacturing plays in the UK economy. Cadbury Schweppes' Chief Executive Todd Stitzer will be the guest speaker.