



Electrical safety is paramount

As the issue of Home Information Packs becomes even more contentious with its imminent introduction, BASEC is pointing out the absence of an electrical safety check and the inherent dangers of launching the scheme without one. We have called for a proper electrical survey to be included and we support the Electrical Safety Council's campaign to include electrical safety information and tests in the Home Condition Report as part of HIPs. We only hope common sense will prevail and that these measures will be adopted soon to help safeguard the safety of the homebuyer.

Sustainable events start here



The British Standards Institution (BSI) has invited event organisers, venues and suppliers to trial the world's first national standard in sustainable event management. BS 8901 will encompass the complete range of events from large-scale business conferences and one-off events such as the 2012 Olympics, to music festivals, air shows and amateur fundraising events.

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Sponsoring excellence on big awards night

BASEC is sponsoring the Wholesaler of the Year category at the Electrical Industry Awards evening to be held on Thursday, 4 October at the Grosvenor Marriott Hotel, London. Other categories include Electrical Contractor of the Year, Innovative Product of the Year, Health and Safety Initiative of the Year and Test and Measurement Product of the Year. [More...](#)

Copper price issues won't go away

The issue of volatility in the price of copper continues to affect the electrical industry. They have steadied slightly but the message for the cabling industry from BASEC Chief Executive Jeremy Hodge (pictured) is that some price volatility is here to stay and that needs to be factored in through the supply chain to ensure that quality and safety factors are not affected.



Streamline planning system says CBI

The planning system should be streamlined if vital projects to improve national infrastructure are not to be dampened by lengthy appeals and inquiries, the CBI has warned. The business group of the CBI has backed plans for the Government to set clear priorities in sectors such as energy and transport that will end arguments at individual planning inquiries about whether there is a national 'need' for a proposal. [More...](#)

Group examines certification issues

The BASEC Certification Committee has been re-established with a broader remit to monitor BASEC's certification activities. New members have joined from a number of organisations including the IET, the Electrical Distributors Association, CIBSE and the Energy Networks Association. The Committee will be meeting periodically to discuss a range of topics.



We welcome new client

We welcome Jordan New Cable Company (JNC) as a new BASEC client who have been approved for a range of power cables and we look forward to discussing and sharing our advice and services with them. JNC's modern production unit is located about 60km from Amman. www.jcable.com

Issues highlighted by online portal

Leading European online electrical industry portal Voltimum is highlighting a number of industry issues including earthing and bonding, temporary power distribution networks for entertainment-related purposes and voltages induced non-magnetic metallic sheaths. [More...](#)



BASEC goes out to meet and greet the industry

Chief Executive of BASEC Jeremy Hodge is continuing his programme of meeting key industry organisations and recently gave a presentation at the one-day Greater London ECA event at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers where he talked about compliance, quality, safety and practical installation issues for contractors.

Events for your diary

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.

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.

National Construction Week, 8-12 October - the annual not-for-profit campaign which provides young people with the chance to experience the wide range of exciting opportunities available in the modern construction industry.