

**MINUTES OF THE HSE MEETING HELD AT
Overbury plc, 77 Newman Street, London W1T 3EW AT 12.30AM ON
Wednesday 13 August 2015**

Present:	Ray Cooke	HSE	(RC)
	Gavin Palmer	Astins Ltd	(GP)
	Paul Howarth	Beck Interiors	(PH)
	Gary Bennett	Brookfield Multiplex Europe	(GB)
	Tony Turner	Collins Construction Ltd	(TT)
	Richard McPherson	Como Interiors	(RM)
	Clive Gemmell	Faithdean plc	(CG)
	Mike Till	Fourfront	(MT)
	Graham Haigh	Hire Station Ltd	(GH)
	Carl Huntington	Hire Station Ltd	(CH)
	Ian Purchon	Mace Ltd	(IP)
	Victoria Mothersole	Mitie	(VM)
	Edward Fendt	Mitie	(EF)
	Ged Maye	MPG Contracts	(GM)
	John Scott	Overbury plc	(JS)
	Neil Pike	Overbury plc	(NP)
	Peter Barlow	Parkeray Ltd	(PB)
	Nick Tagliarini	Pexhurst Services Ltd	(NT)
	Charles Wandrag	Selectaglaze Ltd	(CW)
	Richard James	Service Graphics Ltd	(RJ)
	Justin Gates	Skansen Group Ltd	(JG)
	Nadia M Benea	Stanmore Contractors Ltd	(NMB)
	Carly O'Sullivan	Styles & Wood	(CO)
	Vaughan Chopping	Target Shopfitters Ltd	(VC)
	Andy Tustin	Willmott Dixon Interiors Ltd	(AT)
In attendance:	David Frise	FIS	(DF)
Apologies:	John King	BW Interiors Ltd	(JK)
	Neil Penn	ITC Concepts Ltd	(NP)

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Ray Cooke RC Health & Safety Executive of the Health and Safety Executive gave a presentation on the new CDM regulations 2015 and the latest HSE campaign focussing on refurbishment. The slides are attached for reference	
1. RC pointed out the advice available on the HSE website including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L series guidance • 6 CONIAC industry guides • CITB smartphone app best used for small projects • HSE template for larger projects 	
2. Refurbishment Initiative from 14 September to 9 October. The focus will be on causes of accidents and ill health; work at height, carcinogenics, manual handling, noise and vibration. There will an emphasis on wood dust.	
3. FIS have been asked to coordinate the sector response on completion of the initiative; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many members were visited? • How many were issued with non-compliance notices? • What plans have they in place to rectify the position? 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does FIS plan to do highlight the issues raised to the sector? 	
<p>4. Ray suggested that last year 35% of enforcements in the refurbishment initiative on health issues. He stressed that this was not well-being and lifestyle but occupational health on site. Companies should manage the health element of H&S as you would safety.</p>	
<p>5. DF thanked RC for his presentation and it was agreed to meet again in six months to get feedback from the campaign and update members on any new issues.</p>	
<p>6. DF briefed the group on progress with the 900mm plasterboard campaign. The sector wants to reduce the size of plasterboard down to 900mm to reduce the number of muscular skeletal in operatives. This was gaining momentum and had gained the support of Skanska. A meeting was set up with the major manufacturers to look at the viability of the project. A consultation paper will be published at the FIS conference on 7 October and a conference for all stakeholders in January 2016. DF thanked Gavin Palmer of Astins and Andy Measom of Measoms for driving the campaign.</p>	
<p>7. DF also raised the increasing focus on indoor air quality and in particular VOCs Volatile Organic Compounds. The latest research was suggesting the risk is much greater to health than previously thought from exposure. Exposure had been increased as we make buildings more energy efficient and seal them. The EU were consulting on new directives. Members can expect VOCs in particular to start moving up the agenda.</p>	
<p>8. Prior to the meeting starting members discussed the increasing requirement for operatives to have the correct CSCS card on site. Concerns were raised by all about forged cards, both standard and smartcards.</p>	
<p>9. DF agreed to carry out a survey of group members to establish the scale of the problem and issue guidance for members. He will also invite Graham Wren CEO of CSCS to the next meeting to discuss the subject.</p>	
<p>10. Dates for diary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 7 October – Marriott Forest of Arden, Warwickshire, Maxstoke Lane, Meriden, CV7 7HR. • 16 September BIM4Health and Safety conference at the building centre – David Frise is Chairing the event. Details will be issued to members shortly 	
<p>11. DF thanked Overbury for hosting the meeting. Any member would who would be prepared to host the next meeting please contact DF or Robert Barker</p>	