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Association Announces Departure of John Tebbit

The Construction Products Association announced that John Tebbit, currently Industry Affairs Director and Deputy Chief Executive, will be leaving the Association in May 2014 to join Robust Details Ltd ("RDL") as Managing Director.

John will work alongside RDL's CEO, Dave Baker, managing the company's technical resource and leading with the development of new business opportunities. He has been involved with RDL since the company was first formed in 2004 as a representative of the product sector, and more latterly also as a non-executive director.

Construction Products Association Chief Executive Dr Diana Montgomery said, "I would like to offer my congratulations to John and, on behalf of the Association, our best wishes for the future. John will be leaving Construction Products Association, after some 13 years, in a very different state to when he joined. In the early years the Association was a new, unproven body and in his time he has seen the Association grow to one of the most widely recognised and valued bodies in the industry.

"John's work has touched upon many of the major issues impacting on our industry and the wider built environment, including technical standards, building regulations, energy efficiency, sustainability, and BIM, to name just a few. It is due in no small part to John's endeavours that the Association is today seen as credible and the voice of reason in many debates between industry and government."

Reflecting on his time with the Association, John said: "Recognition by government in the appointment to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee in 2006 was an early win. I have 'done' four sets of Part L, as well as Parts A, B, E, F, G, K, M and N each, at least once, and ensured our industry voice was heard. Not that government always agreed.

"Looking back at the big issues of 2013, such as the CPD/CPR, they are now seen as essentially implementation issues rather than mega threats to the sector. Even zero carbon has now reached the point where the argument is about exactly how much it will cost rather than whether we should do it. We now see people wanting to use formal standards to measure sustainability rather than the previous plethora of proprietary standards.

"In my time with the Association, earning the trust of the people I deal with in various sectors and companies, as well as many government officials, has been special."

Looking to the future, the Association remains well supported by Jane Thornback, Sustainability Policy Advisor and Duncan King, Technical Officer.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Construction Products Association represents the UK's manufacturers and suppliers of construction products, components and fittings. The Association acts as a single voice for the construction products sector, representing the industry-wide view of its members. The sector has an annual turnover of more than £40 billion and accounts for over I/3 of total construction output.

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