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## **Construction Products Innovation and Achievement Highlights Outstanding Qualities**

The Construction Products Association has launched its latest showcase publication *Construction Products Innovation and Achievement (CPIA)*, which highlights some of the most innovative products and processes that have been developed by the construction products industry within the last year or so.

The publication is introduced with a foreword from the joint co-chairman of the Green Construction Board, BIS Minister Michael Fallon MP and Mike Putnam, President and Chief Executive Officer of Skanska UK, who commended 'the unstinting focus on innovation which construction product manufacturers are demonstrating during difficult times.'

Commenting on the entries chosen for the publication, Simon Storer, Communications and External Affairs Director for the Construction Products Association said; 'The industry has had another very difficult year with most forecasts pointing to a continuing period of little or no growth. Despite this we are delighted that the construction products industry continues to show an enormous desire to introduce a variety of new and exciting solutions.

Companies understand only too well the competitive edge that innovation brings and that creativeness is a key part of their current and future commercial success. Encouragingly investment in product improvement, innovation and R&D has remained consistently strong throughout the down-turn.'

'If anybody believed this industry was standing still then you only need to look at the products and processes showcased in CPIA 2012/13 to see how the industry is delivering improvements. The construction products industry has proved once again its enormous ability to lead, by devising new, more efficient, more sustainable ways of doing things. This

creative and innovative approach is not confined just to a select few in one or two sectors, but can be seen as a key driver for an industry that is continuously improving and constantly changing.'

'The entries in this year's publication are once again featured under four headings; Energy and Carbon Saving; Health, Safety and Security; Improvements in Site Efficiency; and Resource Efficiency. The companies featured in these categories demonstrate that by improving efficiency and creating safer operations on site, the industry is leading the way in developing new improvements to the benefit of all concerned, including clients and end users, company employees and especially the environment in which we live.'

'As well as the entries in the publication, there is a further selection of examples available on the Association website, highlighting that the construction products industry is at the forefront of embracing and leading innovation. CPIA was always intended to show how the industry as a whole is at the forefront of innovation, improvement and change and we can be proud that our industry continues not only to aim high but also to deliver this range of solutions and improvements.'

For further examples of products/processes in each category please visit our [website](#).

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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 the voice of the construction products sector, representing the industry-wide view of its members. The sector has an annual turnover of £50 billion and accounts for 40% of total construction output.

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The full list of products in *Construction Products Innovation & Achievement 2012* is;

**Health, Safety and Security**

Concrete Pipeline Systems Association – The Concrete Pipe Lifter  
Lafarge – Automatic Tyre Inflation System on Large Goods Vehicles  
Minster Insulation and Dry Lining – Health and Safety Achievement – One Million Hours Lost Time Accident Free  
Polypipe – Trailer Side Webbing

**Energy and Carbon Saving**

CEMEX UK Ltd – CO2 Tool and Carbon Labelling  
Climate Center, GEA Searle and Mitchells & Butlers – Free-Cooling Cellar Cooler for Mitchells & Butlers  
Hanson UK – Hanson Aquaflow Thermapave Lintel  
Saint-Gobain Isover – Isover Optima IW1 System  
Tarmac – Carbon Footprint Calculator

**Improvements in Site Efficiency**

Ariston Thermo UK Ltd – Ariston NUOS  
Kingspan Renewables – Thermomax HP400 Solar Thermal Vacuum Tube Collectors  
ROCKWOOL® - ROCKSHELL®  
Speedy Services - ePod®

**Resource Efficiency**

JELD-WEN UK Ltd – The Howden Burford Door  
Kohler Mira Ltd – Rada Outlook  
Wavin - Recycore® Technology  
Worcester, Bosch Group – Combustion Gas Analysis Using Laser Light Absorption