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ACIFC Conference Showcases New Standard for Concrete Industrial Flooring

The annual conference of the Association of Concrete Industrial Flooring Contractors (ACIFC) took place on Tuesday 5 November at Sika in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire offering an exclusive insight into the new TR34 4th Edition, the recognised industry standard for concrete industrial flooring.

The Concrete Society's TR34 4th Edition has been written by industry for industry and introduces a number of significant changes to the way that concrete industrial floors are designed and constructed in the UK with comprehensive guidance on new areas such as the design of steel fibre piled slabs and maintenance. The ACIFC Conference provided an excellent opportunity for the industry supply chain to hear first-hand from speakers who were directly involved in the production of the 4th edition, including Richard Day from the Concrete Society, Phil Ridge from Fairhurst and Chris Sketchley from Sketchley Associates. ACIFC Chairman Kevin Dare from Face Consultants and Ken Hall from Global Logistic Properties completed the high profile line up which took delegates through the new edition focusing on key topics such as design, surface regularity and maintenance. Each presentation finished with a Q&A session, allowing delegates to understand how the changes will affect their business and share views with colleagues on this important issue for the industry.

The ACIFC Conference was sponsored by the Concrete Society, Face Consultants, Permaban, Sika, Twintec and Wacker Neuson, who demonstrated the latest flooring technology as part of an exhibition alongside the conference offering an excellent networking opportunity.

ACIFC Chairman Kevin Dare said:

"We are delighted to have TR34 4th Edition after 5 years in the making. ACIFC and its members played a key role in the development of the new edition, which will push our industry on even further and raise standards to a new level. The UK concrete industrial flooring industry already has a global reputation for quality and standards and TR34 4th Edition will only enhance it."

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Notes to Editors

- The Association of Concrete Industrial Flooring Contractors (ACIFC) is the recognised trade association for the concrete industrial flooring industry, bringing together the leading contractors, material suppliers and service providers – www.acifc.org.
- The Concrete Society is an independent member based body, which has built on its technical base to become a leading provider of information serving the needs of clients, architects, engineers, specifiers, suppliers, contractors and users of concrete, with emphasis on quality and competitiveness – www.concrete.org.uk
- Face Consultants Ltd is an independent UKAS accredited testing organisation and experts in the measurement and control of industrial concrete floors with operation worldwide – www.faceconsultants.com
- 4. Permaban Ltd has over 30 years' experience in the design, installation, product manufacture, repair, maintenance and aftercare of concrete floors and supplies dry-shakes, sealants and additives to protect and harden concrete floors and slabs www.permaban.com.
- 5. Sika develops solutions that make future-oriented, top-notch quality construction doable, optimize customers' processes and lower costs www.sika.com.
- Twintec has been at the forefront of steel fibre reinforced technology for more than three decades and
 is the world's leading producer of jointless steel fibre reinforced industrial concrete floors –
 www.twintec.co.uk.
- 7. The Wacker Neuson Group is a leading manufacturer of light and compact equipment with over 40 affiliates and more than 140 sales and service stations across the globe www.wackerneuson.com.
- 8. The presentations from the 2013 ACIFC Conference are available to view at www.acifc.org/news.
- 9. TR34 4th Edition is available to purchase from the Concrete Society Bookshop www.concretebookshop.com.