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CIBSE to promote commissioning within construction

The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) and The Commissioning Specialists Association (CSA) have committed to working together to develop and promote the commissioning membership of the construction industry.

Marking the first day of CIBSE's 2007 National Conference, the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding builds on previous work between the two organisations as 'partners in building services excellence' and provides shared access to member benefits and services.

The National Conference, entitled The Business of Change, had a successful first day with speakers such as Deputy Mayor of London Nicky Gavron and Judith Armit, Chief Executive for Thames Gateway, as well as a panel session on The Stern Review.

CIBSE Chief Executive Stephen Matthews said: "CIBSE is delighted to be working with the CSA to promote commissioning functions within the construction industry. This agreement will allow our organisations to better understand the way in which we can work together to promote and develop excellence."

"Providing shared access to websites, publications, information and events will ensure members from both Institutions remain informed of developments which affect the way in which they operate."

CSA Chairman Roger Carlin added: "The CSA is proud to be associated with the UK's foremost body in the building services field. The current concern over climate change and carbon emissions highlights the need for commissioning to be carried out correctly. The MOU illustrates our shared commitment to raising standards and awareness within the industry."

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Notes to editors

The Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE) is the professional body for building services engineers and other specialists involved in a broad range of activities within the built environment. CIBSE carries out a variety of learned society activities, including: producing technical guides, codes and other publications; organising regional, national and international seminars and conferences; and holding networking activities based on regional and special interest groups. CIBSE is a Licensed Institution of EC (UK) and has over 18,000 members. More details are available at www.cibse.org

The Commissioning Specialists Association (CSA) is an association for anyone with an interest in commissioning. Its membership comprises commissioning companies, individual commissioning engineers and associated companies (such as equipment manufacturers, instrument suppliers, etc.), who have a vested interest in ensuring that the commissioning function in today's complex buildings is carried out to a uniformly high standard. In addition, the CSA acts as the voice of the commissioning industry, putting forward the views of its Members in many spheres and also keeping its membership informed of developments in equipment, instrumentation and legislation which affect the way in which they operate. More details are available at www.csa.org.uk

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