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ACIFC Launches New Guide at Inaugural Gala Dinner

The Association of Concrete Industrial Flooring Contractors (ACIFC) launched a new industry guide, *Composite concrete slabs using steel decking: guidance on construction and associated design considerations*, at the ACIFC Gala Dinner on 8 September. This inaugural event, which was attended by over 80 guests, celebrated the success of ACIFC in raising the standards in the concrete industrial flooring industry.

The new guide, produced jointly by ACIFC and the Concrete Society, has been published as Concrete Society Technical Report 75 and supersedes *Good Concrete Guide 5 Composite concrete slabs on steel decking: guidance on construction and associated design considerations*. The guide, which was well received by guests at the event, provides clients, designers and contractors with detailed guidance on the safe and efficient construction of composite floor slabs on steel decking.

During the Gala Dinner speeches, ACIFC Director Katie Nurcombe thanked ACIFC members for their contribution to the guide and for their support on the other technical projects currently in development. These include a Steel Fibre Testing project which aims to provide independently verified data for fibres commonly used in industrial slabs and a new collaboration with the Concrete Society on Repairs and Maintenance which is due to be published in 2017.

ACIFC Chairman Lee Brockway said:

"This new guide offers a useful resource for everyone involved in the installation of composite floor slabs on steel decking. ACIFC is leading the way on behalf of the industry and is committed to improving standards to the benefit of clients. Our work with the Concrete Society reinforces our place as the recognised organisation for Specialist Contractors involved in concrete industrial floors."

Richard Day, Concrete Society Head of Technical Services said:

"The Concrete Society has a long relationship with the ACIFC and is pleased to be able to work alongside professionals from the industry to develop guidance. TR75 is significantly different to the superseded GCG5, being focused on what can be practically achieved with this form of construction. It is complementary to the Steel Construction Institute's design document 'P300 Composite slabs and beams using steel decking: best practice for design and construction'."

The ACIFC Gala Dinner was sponsored by the Concrete Society, FACE, Malin and Stanford Flooring.

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1. 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
2. The Concrete Society is a membership organisation serving the needs of clients, architects, engineers, specifiers, suppliers, contractors and users of concrete - <http://www.concrete.org.uk/>
3. The new guide '*TR75 Composite Concrete Slabs Using Steel Decking – Guidance on Construction and Associated Design Considerations*' can be purchased from the Concrete Society online bookshop - <http://www.concretebookshop.com>
4. A full list of ACIFC members can be found at www.acifc.org/membership
5. Details of the benefits of ACIFC membership can be found at <http://www.acifc.org/documents/Introducing-the-ACIFC-Benefits-of-Membership-2016.pdf>