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ACIFC Conference Focuses on Concrete Flooring for the Future

The Association of Concrete Industrial Flooring Contractors (ACIFC) Conference took place on Thursday 25 September at the Draycote Hotel in Rugby, Warwickshire to discuss future developments in the Concrete Industrial Flooring industry.

Over 40 delegates from across the industry attended the 'Concrete Flooring for the Future' event, which was sponsored by ACIFC members FACE Consultants, Lafarge Tarmac, Peikko, RCR Flooring products, Twintec and Wacker Neuson. Delegates heard from speakers including Colin Dowd from Lafarge Tarmac, Steve Crompton from Cemex and Jasen Gauld from Hanson. After speaking about new products and developments each took part in a panel discussion session with members designed to ensure that the industry can provide clients with the best end product to suit their needs. Gwynne Richards from Apprise Consulting gave a presentation on the Future of Warehousing with a particular emphasis on the implications for flooring contractors. Delegates also had the opportunity to contribute to the development of the latest technical guidance for the industry in workshops which took place on the day.

The full suite of Flooring Technical Notes recently developed by ACIFC for the industry were distributed to conference delegates, along with the recently updated ACIFC Training Guide 'Training and Qualifications in Concrete Industrial Flooring' which was produced in partnership with CITB and NSCC. The guide sets out the qualification routes for all levels of the workforce, including experienced workers and new entrants and also includes information on the CITB Grants Scheme to help employers receive as much financial support as possible for investing in training and qualifications.

ACIFC Chairman Colin Shephard said:

"ACIFC is committed to ensuring best practice for the benefit of all and the 2014 Conference demonstrated this, with the promotion of both the Flooring Technical Notes and the new Training Guide which are available to everyone in the concrete industrial flooring industry. With signs of recovery following the recession, now is the time to look forward and these guides will help to ensure our industry has the skills it needs for the future."

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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. 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.face-consultants.com
3. Lafarge Tarmac is the UK's leading sustainable building materials group and provides innovative products and solutions to deliver the infrastructure needed to grow the UK economy – www.lafargetarmac.com
4. Peikko's flooring product range offers the largest available selection of innovative products for use in ground-bearing and pile-supported ground-level concrete floor construction – www.peikko.co.uk
5. RCR Flooring Products specialises in designing and creating industrial concrete floors and work with many of the leading names in manufacturing and worldwide logistics – www.rcrindustrialflooring.com
6. 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 full suite of Flooring Technical Notes can be downloaded on the ACIFC website – www.acifc.org/technical
9. The ACIFC Training Guide can be downloaded on the ACIFC website – www.acifc.org
10. The presentations from the 2014 ACIFC Conference are available to view at www.acifc.org/news.