

## Report of RAL Supervisory Board, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009

The latest RAL Supervisory Board meeting took place at RAL's Pride Park offices on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

The Board members present reviewed the report from the Independent Members (Mr Brian Clementson, Mr Pat Durrant and Mr Richard Peck). This review had been conducted the previous day, consisting of an assessment of a range of RAL certification projects, covering such issues as independence of individuals, impartiality with respect to work done for DB Schenker companies compared to other clients, pressures & incentives to complete certification tasks and marketing/advertising of services. Also subject to review were the financial information within RAL's task management system, customer feedback, audits and internal management review & improvement actions.

The Independent Members considered the continued Notified Body workload, together with several non-UK vehicle and component approval work having taken place in 2009. Despite the challenges associated with this, certification decisions had remained sound.

On the basis of the Independent Members report, the Board concluded that RAL certification work is being conducted with due regard to independence and impartiality.

The meeting concluded with a general overview of RAL's current and anticipated workload in UK and mainland Europe. The current assessment activity to obtain ISO17020 'Inspection Body' approval, in support of work outside the NoBo field, was also noted.

The next Supervisory Board is scheduled for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at the RAL Pride Park Offices, Derby.

Parties with a legitimate interest in the workings of the Supervisory Board may request a copy of the full meeting minutes by contacting:

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