

Report of RAL Supervisory Board, 27th November 2008

The latest RAL Supervisory Board meeting took place at RAL's Pride Park offices on 27th November 2008.

The Board members present reviewed the report from the Independent Members (Mr Brian Clementson and Mr Pat Durrant). 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 EWSH 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 and internal management review & improvement actions.

The Independent Members noted the general increase in Notified Body workload, with much new vehicle approval work having taken place in 2008. At times this had stretched RAL's resources but 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 recent attainment of EN45011 certification approval outright, to support work outside the NoBo field, was also noted.

The next Supervisory Board is scheduled for Friday 22nd May 2009 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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