MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES has made a giant leap forward in air conditioning & heat pump technology, with the introduction of high performance SRK Wall Mounted air conditioning systems, using R410A refrigerant.

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MITSUBISHI has used its innovative technology of compressor design and the eco-friendly R410A refrigerant, and combined this with their new "jet-flow" low noise air movement fan arrangement. The result is a quiet, high performance cooling and heating system, with advanced electronic controls for maximum comfort, and controllability.
OPINION

International Symposium For Ireland

Congratulations to CIBSE Chairman Kevin Tracey on convincing the Society of Light & Lighting (SLL) to hold their forthcoming international symposium in Ireland. Since taking office earlier this year Kevin has championed the cause of electrical services engineering, instigating very strong links on new initiatives with DIT Kevin Street, and also the industry at large.

The theme for the SLL symposium is The Future of Lighting in the Workplace. Upwards of 300 delegates from all over the world, including Ireland, are expected to participate. The planned programme for the three-day event is extensive, those presenting papers being the recognised world-leading experts in their respective fields.

The symposium format is intended to promote debate, with delegates free to engage in discussion with fellow-delegates and the speakers, who will be coming from as far afield as North America, in addition to European countries, the UK, and Ireland.

There will also be a social programme, including a formal dinner.

Use the enclosed insert to book
Pressure Equipment Directive

Seamus Kerr of RSL Ireland recently presented a lecture on PED entitled The Pressure Equipment Directive, Views of a Notified Body. The Agricultural and Food Division of the Institute of Engineers of Ireland hosted the evening, in association with Refrigeration Technology Skillnets.

Pressure Equipment Directive

Free movement of goods is a cornerstone of the single market. The new mechanisms in place to achieve this aim are based on prevention of new barriers to trade, mutual recognition and technical harmonisation. The purpose of the PED is to remove technical barriers to trade and to harmonise laws regarding design, manufacture and conformity assessment. The Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) 97/23/EC is a “New Approach” Directive and was adopted by the European Parliament in May 1997 and was fully implemented in Europe in May 2002. In Ireland it was transposed into Irish law through S.I. 400 of 1999.

Purpose of the PED

Prior to the PED, many European Member States had their own pressure equipment regulations governing the design, manufacture, testing, conformity assessment and installation. Of course many member states still have extensive legislation covering pressure equipment but the PED has harmonised the technical requirements for the trade of pressure equipment throughout the EU.

For example, in Ireland it was not unusual for a refrigeration installation to use UL standards, TUV standards, AD-Merkblatter and BS Standards for the installation. The PED has created a means where by contractors, manufacturers and distributors can purchase any relevant CE marked equipment in the knowledge that what they have purchased is in compliance with European Legislation. By implementing new conformity assessment procedures the PED has levelled the playing field and allowed a fair comparison of pressure equipment across the EU.

Scope

The scope of the PED covers most pressure equipment placed on the EU market with a maximum allowable pressure greater than 0.5 bar and includes vessels, piping, safety equipment and pressure accessories. The scope also includes substantial modifications to existing equipment. Pressure equipment can be:

- Pressure Vessels;
- Boilers;
- Pipework;
- Accessories such as valves, regulators and gauges.

Products, which meet the essential requirements of the Directive and fall within the scope, can be CE-marked and placed on the European Union market, the European Union Area and the European Candidate countries that have already transposed the Directive into their national laws. A product falling within the scope of the Directive and bearing a CE-mark cannot be refused access to any member states markets.

Who needs to comply?

The PED creates a legal structure which demands compliance. It affects designers, manufacturers, contractors, distributors and end users. The relevant industries include pharmaceutical, beverage, food, chemical and power generation among many others. The range of products would include pressure vessels, receivers, heat exchangers, piping, boilers and road tankers (not covered by the ADR/RID). Certain equipment is excluded from the PED such as water supply networks, well-control equipment for the extraction industry, and pipelines.

Product Classification

In order to know how the Directive will apply to particular items of pressure equipment, a manufacturer must check which associated risk category their particular pressure equipment falls under. There are four categories defined in the Directive — Category I, II, III and IV — together with “sound engineering practice” (SEP). Considering fluid state, fluid group, fluid volume and the maximum allowable pressure of the equipment and the level

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of hazard identifies the category (see Figure 1, above). It is worth noting that many of the web sites offering PED-related services have category identification programmes that can be used on-line.

Fluids are classified as group I or II. Group I comprises dangerous fluids and flammable and toxic fluids, e.g. Ammonia or Butane R600. Group II comprises all other fluids including steam, non-flammable, non-toxic, e.g. R404A, R410A.

Technical requirements
The requirements of the PED can be grouped under the following headings:
- Equipment must be:
  - Safe;
  - Meet Essential Safety Requirements;
  - Satisfy conformity assessment procedures;
  - Carry CE-marking and other information.
- "Safe" pressure equipment and assemblies are those which, when properly installed and maintained and used for their intended purpose, will not endanger the health and safety of persons.

Safety Requirements
Essential safety requirements of the PED include:
- General safety and minimisation of hazards;
- Design: strength, wear, corrosion, filling and discharge, safety devices and external fire;
- Manufacturing: joining, non-destructive testing, traceability and final inspection, CE marking.

The PED does not only consider the design code but the intended life of the equipment also.

Conformity Assessment
To demonstrate that the Essential Safety Requirements are satisfied, equipment and installations will be subject to conformity assessment. In PED as a "New Approach Directive" conformity assessment is subdivided into modules. Manufacturers and installers can choose which assessment module to use. The modules relate to the design phase of products, their production, or both. The product classification dictates conformity assessment module. See table below.

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Module          | Design        | Production                                                                 |
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A               | Technical Documentation | Internal production control                                                  |
A1              | Technical Documentation | Internal production control with monitoring of the final assessment          |
B               | Type Examination   | Monitoring of the final assessment                                          |
B1              | Design Examination | Quality assurance for production, final inspection and test                  |
C1              | Technical Documentation | Quality assurance for production, final inspection and test                  |
D               | Technical Documentation | Quality assurance for final inspection and test                             |
E               | Technical Documentation | Quality assurance for final inspection and test                             |
E1              | Technical Documentation | Quality assurance for final inspection and test                             |
F               | Unit Verification  | Product verification                                                        |
G               | Unit Verification  | Quality assurance for design, manufacture, final inspection and test        |
H               | Quality assurance for design, manufacture, final inspection and test        |
H1              | Quality assurance for design, manufacture, final inspection and test with design examinations and monitoring of final assessment |
Equipment in Category I is subject to manufacturer’s own internal production control. The modules for Categories II, III & IV will require the involvement of a Notified Body.

A Notified Body is an accredited organisation appointed by the member state for the approval and monitoring of the manufacturers quality assurance system or in direct product inspection. It is the manufacturer's responsibility to appoint a Notified Body when one is required by the Directive.

CE Marking

Once the equipment has been assessed and found in compliance with the directive, the manufacturer can affix the CE marking to the pressure equipment and then must draw up a declaration of conformity. The CE marking must not be affixed to "SEP" equipment.

Manufacturers should also note that if the equipment falls under the scope of any other Directive the CE mark must only be applied if the equipment meets the requirements of that Directive also. The CE mark is an attestation by the manufacturer that the equipment meets the requirement of ALL relevant Directives.

Operating Instructions

When the pressure equipment is placed on the market, it must be accompanied, as far as relevant, with instructions for the user ensuring safe operation of the equipment.

More Information

Please note that this article is for guidance only. Please refer to the regulations themselves for a full statement of the requirements.

PED website:
http://ped.eurodyn.com/
For a list of Notified Bodies for any New Approach Directive:
http://ceuropa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/newapproach/legislation/nb/notified-bodies.htm
To purchase Standards:
www.standards.ie
For information on Standards within Ireland:
http://ped.eurodyn.com/

A recent World Health Organisation report suggest that 160,000 people die annually as a direct consequence of the effects of global warming (see Plumb Lines, page 36)

www.nsai.ie
A good site for guidelines:
http://www.dti.gov.uk/strd/strdpubs.html#pressure
Contact: Seamus Kerr, RSL Ireland.
Tel: 01 - 450 8011;
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The new Digital Inverter from Toshiba

You and your customers demand the best products, benefits and prices. Toshiba Inverter splits deliver this and much, much more.

The new R410A Digital Inverter offers all the attractions of the heat pump system, ideal for light commercial applications, with the benefits encompassing:

- Condensing units offer 40% increase in energy savings, and are 13% smaller and 38% lighter compared to fixed-speed models
- Cooling capacities up to 14 kW
- A choice of five indoor models in 16 sizes
- 3-year parts and labour warranty
- All units operate on a single-phase power supply
Coanda Effect
From Toshiba

The louvre design of the latest Toshiba ceiling cassette launched as one of the indoor units for the new energy-saving Digital Inverter Split System shows just how much attention to detail has gone into the design and manufacture of the new product.

Many people think louvres are louvres, and they certainly come in for a great deal of physical abuse in many working environments. But not all louvres are born equal. The Coanda Effect was discovered in 1930 by the Romanian aerodynamicist Henri-Marie Coanda (1885-1972). He observed that a stream of air tends to follow a nearby curved surface, if the curvature of the surface or the angle the surface makes with the stream is not too sharp. Of course, it’s why aircraft wings work and shower curtains stick to you, however careful you are.

Toshiba engineers have optimised the Coanda effect in the design of their fascinating-looking new louvres to direct the flow of conditioned air through the uppermost layers of room air to avoid draughts, but also to obviate the laminar ceiling-hugging flows that contribute to dust streaking along suspended ceilings. So, the new design reduces draughts and eliminates staining of the ceiling.

The full range offers four sizes — from 5.3kW to 12.3 kW cooling and 5.6kW to 14 kW heating. An R410A installation kit and a twinning kit accessory are also available.

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BSS Acquires Pegler & Louden Ireland

The BSS Group has strengthened its market position in the industrial process sector by the acquisition of the Pegler & Louden Ireland business. Pegler & Louden operates in the niche market of supplying specialist valves to the industrial process sector, including pharmaceutical, food and drink, and general chemical industries.

The Pegler & Louden name will be retained and operated as a separate sales division of BSS (Ireland) Ltd selling to process industry customers. It will have its own Sales Director and dedicated specialist sales team and technical support. BSS (Ireland) Ltd will absorb the Pegler & Louden activities into its existing facilities in Dublin and Cork, operating them independently to its existing business.

Mike Ferguson, Managing Director of BSS (Ireland), said: “The acquisition of the Pegler & Louden business increases our operations in Ireland by over 30%. It enables us to have a comprehensive and competitive product offering to the important end user process markets, reinforcing BSS’s position in Ireland.”

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Wolf Air Conditioning — From professionals for professionals

An air conditioning system is only as good as its constituent parts, so Wolf uses only the best, tried-and-tested components when producing its extensive range of RAL, Gigant and Standard air conditioning units. These low-maintenance, economical units are designed and built for maximum durability and are suitable for all manner of applications such as:

- Office complexes and administrative buildings;
- Hotels and restaurants;
- Banks and insurance company offices;
- High-street department stores;
- Shopping malls;
- Museums and opera houses;
- Hospitals;
- Airport terminals;
- Industrial buildings;
- Exhibition centres.

Wolf’s KG Standard series is top-end, high-grade technology for buildings of all shapes and sizes. The range spans everything from units with 25 mm double-skinned casing panels for indoor installation to weatherproof units with B1-rated, 35 mm casing panels.

Duplicating the success already achieved by the KG 15-1000 Standard series, Wolf’s KG 40-400 Gigant units are for air-handling applications in the volume-flow range from 1,600 m³/h to 40,000 m³/h.

The Gigant series sets new standards in air handling, complying with all the truly important technical requirements and specifications. The components in this new series are configured to customer requirements while the modular approach means quick and easy installation.

The performance levels and performance data of all functional elements correspond to those of the KG Standard series. The familiar design graphs and tables in the current Wolf KG catalogue can be used as-is for dimensioning systems with KG Gigant elements. The only new tables necessary are those for unit sizes, weights and acoustic levels.

The maintenance-friendly design facilitates straightforward servicing. The drop eliminator and cooling coil withdraw separately while flexibility and easy siting is assured by doors which are left- and right-opening, and can even be lifted right off. The condensate tray has a sloping bottom, so all the water drains away.

The frame is welded and galvanised for maximum strength and durability. Air volume ratings are from 1,600 m³/h to 40,000 m³/h. There is also a weatherproof version for outdoor applications.

The new KG/KGW 40-400 RAL series is based on the successful KG/KGW Gigant range. This comprises modular individual tubes made from inherently-stable, self-supporting, zinc-plated units. The thermally and acoustically-isolated design features a stable welded frame made from steel angle sections (80mm by 80mm by 2mm zinc-plated). The double-skin casing and inspection doors are made from galvanised sheet steel. Insulation is provided in the form of 50mm mineral fibre, grade A1.

Full details on the entire Wolf range are available from Coolair who are the distributors for Ireland.

Contact: Brendan Kilgallon, Coolair. Tel: 01 - 451 1244; email: info@coolair.ie
Construction Job Index up 7%

The number of construction jobs advertised in Ireland’s daily and Sunday newspapers over the third quarter of this year is up 21% on the third quarter in 2002, according to the Bank of Ireland Business Banking Job Index.

The Index also shows steady month-on-month growth in the construction sector through the quarter, building on continuous month-by-month growth through the previous quarter. The number of jobs advertised in construction has now grown in each of the last six consecutive months.

Tri-iso Super 9 Insulation

Tri-iso Super 9 is a multi-reflective insulation product manufactured in France as part of the Actis range. BM TRADA has tested it and it has been shown that in several different construction applications Tri-iso Super 9 has been found to have the same insulation level as 200mm of glass fibre, i.e., a U-value of 0.2. Other benefits include:

- No need for vapour control layer;
- Being thin, ideal for everywhere;
- Suitable for both warm and cold roof applications;
- Easy and quick to install;
- CFC and HCFC free;
- Suitable for drylining walls, and under suspended floors.

Tri-iso Super 9 has already been specified and installed on a number of prestigious projects, including those of the OPW and other State and Semi-State schemes.

Additionally, it recently won the Best Interior Building Product category at Plan Expo 2003.

Contact: Sean Gibbons, U-Value Insulation Ltd. Tel: 01 - 836 5299.

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Enter our reader competition and you could win a fantastic Hi-Fi player. As this is our Christmas competition we even have two winners, so twice the chance. Simply answer the questions and complete the details, copy and fax back to BSNews on 01 288 6966.

November competition

1) Which team recently defeated Ireland in the 1/4 finals of the Rugby World Cup?
   a) England ☐ b) Australia ☐ c) France ☐

2) Which Irish Rally Driver recently claimed 2nd place in the British Rally Championship?
   a) Eamonn Boland ☐ b) Austin Mac Hale ☐ c) Andrew Nesbitt ☐

3) What percentage spending increase did finance minister Charlie McCreevy announce for 2004?
   a) 5% ☐ b) 13% ☐ c) 7% ☐

4) Which famous Irish Rugby player recently announced his retirement?
   a) Dennis Hickie ☐ b) Mick Galway ☐ c) Keith Wood ☐

5) Which of the following is Refrigerants is azeotropic?
   a) R410a ☐ b) R407c ☐ c) R22 ☐

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Rules: Competition open to anyone over the age of 16.
York Appoint UK & Ireland Manager

York International has appointed Keith Smith to the new position of Managing Director, UK & Ireland, responsible for all sales and service related operations throughout York’s UK and Ireland businesses, and for driving the continued growth of the company in these markets. Keith was in Ireland recently to meet National Sales Manager Frank Doyle and the City West-based York ACR team.

Keith’s new position has been created as part of the ongoing reorganisation of York’s Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Operations into geographical units. He brings with him over 25 years of experience with York, having worked in various equipment sales and service capacities and, most recently, as Regional Service Director for the north central region of North America.

Keith is enthusiastic about his new appointment: “York UK & Ireland is a mix of diverse businesses with highly-talented people, challenged by the ever-changing needs of our customers. I am excited to join such a vibrant team and look forward to working with them to realise York’s full potential in this dynamic market.”

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A Breath of Fresh Air From Thermo Air

Michael Burns, newly-appointed Sales Manager, Thermo Air

Michael Burns has been appointed Sales Manager of Thermo Air Ireland Ltd, the Carlow-based air handling technology specialist which offers tailored solutions for practically any air-handling problem. Part of the Honing Beheer Holding Group who are based in Holland, it specialises in the production of air heating, air handling, fans and ventilation products.

Michael will be responsible for sales and sales development of all Thermo Air group products in Ireland and will work closely with the current team to ensure that customers receive the best service.

Thermo Air supplies high-quality products adhering to a strict quality control system.

Continuous research and development programmes enable the company to focus on long product life and energy savings for customers. Thermo Air guarantees quick deliveries to any part of the Ireland, or indeed Europe, the basis for this guarantee being a large stock of standard products and its own, flexible, production programme.

Recently completed projects include Fairgreen Shopping Centre, Carlow where three hi-spec air handling units have been installed by Litton Group, Lisburn N.Ireland; and Bolton Street Institute of Technology, a project installed by Drummond Heating, Baldoyle, Dublin.

"Whatever your heating and/or ventilation requirements are", says Michael Burns, "we can take equipment from stock or build a complete bespoke piece of equipment to suit your specific application. We at Thermo Air pride ourselves on offering our customers the highest levels of service available."

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Grundfos SEG range

Tough, versatile pumps for domestic sewage transfer

In areas with no sewer systems, or areas where gravitation systems are unsuitable, pressurised systems are the perfect choice for transfer of effluent and domestic sewage to the public sewer or sewage treatment plant. Grundfos offers the perfect pump for such systems, facilitating the use of smaller pressure pipes for minimal investment costs. The Grundfos grinder pump range (SEG) provides many customer benefits, combining cost-effectiveness with maximum protection of the environment.

Unique user benefits

- Highly efficient and very dependable
- Improved discharge pressure
- New, efficient grinder system
- Integrated SmartTrim system for adjustment of impeller clearance
- Polyurethane-sealed cable plug ensures a completely watertight unit

The Grundfos grinder pumps (SEG) are specifically designed for pumping untreated sewage in small communities or sparsely populated areas.

A newly developed cartridge shaft seal system, together with the polyurethane-sealed cable plug system, prevents liquid from penetrating into the motor. High discharge pressure enables transfer of sewage over longer distances.

The new and efficient grinder system with easily replaceable parts reduces downtime and facilitates quick and easy maintenance.

The unique SmartTrim impeller clearance adjustment system ensures optimum performance at all times.
No More Noisy Fan Coil Units

These acoustic wraps offer considerable noise reductions and can be custom tailored to meet a specific “NC” level.

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For further information on fan coil units, or solving noise problems associated with fan coil units, VenTac has the answer.

Contact: Eamonn King, VenTac.
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Sanyo Subaru Finishes Well

Austin McHale, in his first year in the Sanyo-sponsored Subaru WRC Car, exceeded even his best hopes with a 2nd place finish in the British Rally Championship behind the reigning champion Jonny Milner (driving for Toyota). Combined with McHale’s 3rd place in the Irish Championship, it’s certainly been a great year.

“The relationship with Austin is just starting and I am pleased to announce that Sanyo Air Conditioners will be Austin’s lead sponsor for the 2004 season”, Barry Hennessy, Sanyo Ireland’s Sales Manager was delighted to state.

“Next year we are expanding our product offering to the Irish market, therefore expanding our support to the McHale Rally Team was an obvious progression.

“The exposure we received this year was excellent and 2004 will see us taking more of our customers along to experience the thrills and spills of rallying. For the customers who experienced the excitement first hand this year, namely the private day out in the forest, I am delighted to say there will be more to follow next year, and for those who did not get an opportunity to join in the fun, I look forward to welcoming you on board in the coming season”.

Ideo Bain — The Bathroom Show

Designed for living, the bathroom now occupies a place of its own at the heart of the home. Consequently Idéo Bain — from 4 to 9 February 2004, in Hall 1 of the Porte de Versailles Exhibition Centre in Paris — has taken on the role of standard bearer for bathroom developments and emerging trends.

Building on the success of the first show, Idéo Bain will bring together 250 exhibitors occupying 30,000 sq m over six days. The 50,000 expected visitors, both professionals and members of the general public, will be able to view the latest innovations in the sector.

Staged biennially, Idéo Bain is a central event for bathroom professionals because it is held under the aegis of the industry’s trade association, the Fédération des Industries de la Salle de Bains. Idéo Bain 2004 will display the world of the bathroom in conjunction with Interclima, the HVAC show held from 3 to 6 February 2004.

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The Grundfos SEG range of sewage grinder pumps comprises tough, versatile pumps for efficient transfer of effluent and domestic sewage via pressurised systems. Compared to traditional grinder solutions, the Grundfos SEG pump has an extremely efficient grinder system which makes it possible to use smaller pressure pipes and minimise investment costs. Benefits include significant cost-efficiency, minimum downtime, quick and easy maintenance, and maximum protection of the environment.

All SEG pumps are designed to reduce energy consumption and to keep downtime at a minimum. Maintaining peak performance throughout the entire lifetime of the system is a key issue. This is ensured through these features:
- Watertight cable connection;
- Short motor shaft;
- Cartridge shaft seal;
- Stainless steel clamp;
- Cast iron flange and feet;
- Specially-designed lifting handle;
- Motor protection;
- Heavy-duty ball bearings;
- New, efficient grinder system;
- SmartTrim impeller adjustment.

Grundfos SEG pumps are suitable for pumping domestic sewage and other liquids with a pH value of 4 to 10 in permanent installations and are suitable for the following applications:
- Pumping of untreated sewage in small communities or sparsely populated areas;
- Pumping of sewage in pressurised systems.

Features and benefits

A newly developed cartridge shaft seal system, together with the epoxy-sealed cable plug system, prevents liquid from penetrating into the motor. High discharge pressure enables transfer of sewage over longer distances.

The improved grinder system with easily replaceable parts reduces downtime and facilitates quick and easy maintenance while the unique SmartTrim impeller adjustment system ensures optimum performance at all times.

There are also optional controllers for level control monitoring and protection of the pumps.

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Tel: 01 - 295 4926; gbarry@grundfos.com

David McCrae, who is widely known and respected throughout the UK and Irish air conditioning industries, has re-established his links with Carrier now that he has been appointed Commercial Director for the Toshiba brand at Toshiba Carrier UK. Throughout his many years in the business David has built four separate sales forces from scratch and has worked in every part of the supply chain.
Thinking large?
Then think Wolf air conditioning

Wolf air conditioning units RAL, Gigant and Standard
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Michael Melligan with Dan Chambers leaning on his shoulder!

First, Class 3 — John Sampson of sponsors, Danfoss Ireland with Michael Murphy; and BTU Captain, Gerry Tobin

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Over the years Trane has undergone many changes, has spearheaded numerous innovations, and expanded and developed by way of generic growth and acquisitions. From day one, people, service, quality and innovation were the hallmarks of the service provided. Today, over 100 years later, nothing has changed in this respect. Serving customers' needs by way of a commitment to product and service excellence is still the primary objective.

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**ESG = Electrical Services Group**  
**MSG = Mechanical Services Group**  
**SLL = Society of Light & Lighting**
The CIBSE Annual Golf Outing was held in the Hermitage Golf Club on Friday, 12 September last. A total of 35 teams took part in the event on a glorious late summer’s day. The conditions were ideal for playing golf on a course that was in superb condition.

The outing took the form of a Stableford competition with the Chairman’s Prize being presented to the CIBSE member with the best individual score and the PJ Doyle Trophy being presented to the overall individual winner. The main event was a team event with the best two scores on each hole contributing to a team’s score.

The outing was a tremendous success and this was helped greatly by the sponsors. The two main sponsors were Control Aer Ltd who provided a 32” Sanyo widescreen TV which was raffled on the day and Mercury Engineering Ltd. Other sponsors were Dornan Engineering, Potterton Myson, Mark Eire, Coppercraft, McGrattan & Kenny, Killarney Plastics, Flogas, Woodside Engineering, GT Phelan, Coolair, Eurogas, Cross Refrigeration and BSS.

The overall individual winner was Francis Whelan playing off a handicap of 18 who recorded a great score of 40 points.

The Chairman’s Prize was won by Brian Hunter, Chairman of the Northern Ireland CIBSE Branch, also playing off 18 with a score of 36 points. Another piece of cross border co-operation!!!

The team results were as follows:
First — Glow Heating (90 points);
Second — Whelan Insulations (88 points);
Third — HA O’Neil team 1 (87 points);
Fourth — TEMEC

The presentation of prizes by the Chairman, Kevin Tracey, took place after an excellent dinner.
Open-Standard Communications in Building Automation

Today's modern buildings are equipped with a wide variety of technical equipment and systems that exchange data via internal and external interfaces. Depending upon their degree of automation, buildings are equipped with, for example, measurement and control components governing the operation of their heating, air-conditioning and ventilation equipment. These components are connected to refrigeration units, electric power and water supply systems, personal transport systems (escalators, elevators), fire-extinguishing and smoke extraction systems, fire and burglary alarm systems and video surveillance and access control systems, as well as networks for their IT and telecommunications equipment.

The European building automation standard defines them as equipment that includes all of the "smart" and infrastructural components and devices needed to control, monitor, optimise, operate and manage technical building equipment.

Systems and components for advanced building management and building automation solutions will be a focal point at Light+Building, The International Trade Fair for Architecture and Technology, to be held in Frankfurt am Main from 18 to 22 April 2004. All well-known and world-leading suppliers from the fields of measurement and control technology, building management and building automation will be on hand. They will display the latest in modern systems and components and demonstrates solutions for everything from simple office and administration buildings to large commercial and industrial parks.

In order to reduce the time, effort and expense involved in developing, upgrading, laying out and starting up building automation systems (BAS), numerous supplies of BAS and system components have agreed on standardised protocols and thus paved the way for open-standard systems. That means that manufacturers will employ industry-wide standards in all aspects of their products and services, or at least in designing their interfaces to other systems.

The necessity for introducing open-standard systems may be largely attributed to customers' needs. Customers strive to network all technical systems of a building into highly-functional overall systems providing interdisciplinary functions. In order to make these systems as user-friendly as possible, they must have unified operating and monitoring functions and employ a common data management procedure. These demands must be met if various facilities equipped with various system generations and systems from various manufacturers are to be networked.

In an open-standard...
world, customers also have the opportunity to avail themselves of a broad range of new and innovative solutions that transcend national boundaries. Last but not least, customers and building operators using open-standard communications will be guarded against new capital investment for a long time to come and save operating costs.

Moreover, in the case of large facilities, open-standard networks provide an ideal basis for technical, commercial and infrastructural building management. Under open-standard communications systems, data transfers are based on common protocols. Individual equipment and systems from various manufacturers may thus be readily assembled into overall systems providing interdisciplinary functions.

Data will be transmitted either via a bus line or via complex networks for all system components. Specialists in the field term such technologies “company/manufacturer-independent” technologies. Open-standard communications systems, such as BACnet, are described by technical specifications that have been prepared by working groups of standards organisations or industry associations. Others, such as LON, EIB or OPC, have been developed by groups of manufacturers or special-interest groups. However, what they all have in common is that they are, or will be, made freely available to the market.

Building automation systems currently find application in all types of public and commercial buildings, including office and administration buildings, shopping centres, department stores, airports, railway stations, computer centres, sports facilities, indoor swimming pools, cultural facilities, schools, universities, military barracks and prisons. Open-standard systems go a long way towards meeting customers’ and facility or building operators’ demands for flexibility, compatibility, conformity and interoperability. They provide a basis for cutting the costs of constructing and expanding buildings and systems over a facility’s entire service life and, in some cases, implementing significant energy optimisations.

Honeywell NXL Series Saves Space

Honeywell’s versatile new NXL Series of compact inverters for motor drive control improves energy efficiency and extends equipment life.

Honeywell’s versatile new NXL Series of compact inverters for motor drive control improves energy efficiency and extends equipment life. It includes ultra-slim models – down to 60mm wide – so the space occupied can be as small as possible for each power range. They enable cabinets to be smaller than is possible with other inverters.

The NXL Series’ multi-control application package is easy to use and provides reliable and efficient speed control in a wide variety of applications, such as pumps, fans, compressors, conveyors, winders, mixers, cranes, hoists, elevators and crushers.

NXL Series inverters are ideal for high and low overload applications. The range is optimised for low motor powers – from 0.37kw to 30kW (380-500V) and 0.25-15kW (208-240V). A modular construction allows fast installation and easy service and maintenance in the field.

It features programmable I/O, a pump/fan control interface with autochange, and a PID controller with sleep function. Programming and commissioning is simple using either a detachable seven-segment keypad or PC tool.

The standard I/O configuration includes two analogue inputs, one analogue output, 3+1 digital inputs, one relay output and RS485 with built-in Modbus.

A wide range of accessories and options is available to suit most application needs. The versatile standard application package can be customised as necessary using Honeywell’s NCI131-3 engineering tool. Full specifications can be downloaded from Honeywell online support at www.inettrack.europe.honeywell.com.

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Thanks to Siemens Building Technologies
programming hot water and central heating systems just got easier:

Mobile Phone Technology
Using menu-driven technology similar to that employed in mobile phones Siemens has made programming of domestic hot water and central heating systems far easier.

Innovative design
Compact design coupled with innovative features ensures that operation is simple. There are two new controllers — RWB27 for use with central heating systems; RWB29 for dual hot water and central heating.

Homeowner benefits
Simple push-buttons on the front of the controller enable it to be programmed in situ, or it can be removed from the backplate for remote programming. Other benefits include:

- Programming flexibility
- Up to three on/off settings
- Three hour boost facility
- Holiday programme that overrides other settings
- Large liquid crystal, backlit, display

These and other Siemens products are available from FläktWoods

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Compact MiniMap
From Manotherm

Manotherm has introduced the new GEMS Sensors MiniMap compact pressure transmitter which is specially designed for installation where space is at a premium. From 25mm long, the transmitter features a sputtered thin film sensor to provide consistent high levels of performance and stability for large volume users. As the film sensor is atomically bonded onto metal substrate, the transmitter virtually eliminates drift while, at the same time, providing enhanced sensitivity.

The MiniMap offers a proof pressure of 3xFS pressure spooks. In fact, the units are subjected to rigorous hardness, leak, pressure, thermal cycling and aging tests to ensure the transmitters will resist both pressure shocks and mechanical vibration.

The MiniMap is supplied in a range from 16 bar to 2200 bar but, with the onboard ASIC, can be set to any intermediate range or engineering unit and has a very long fatigue life — offering more than 100 million cycles. Long term drift is just 0.1% FS/year, while accuracy is 0.25% FS. The unit also has a thermal error margin of around 2% FS, with a compensated temperature range of -20°C to 100°C. A wide choice of electrical outputs, as well as both electrical and pressure connections, means the unit is suitable for most applications without modification.

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Programming The Heating Just Got Easier

Siemens Building Technologies has adopted menu-driven technology, similar to that employed in mobile phones, to make programming of domestic hot water and central heating systems much easier. Always at the head of new developments, Siemens is the first to see the benefits of this type of programming technology and utilise it for the benefit of its customers.

The two new time controllers are — the RWB27 for use with central heating systems and the RWB29 for dual hot water and central heating. Siemens has ensured that ease of use by the homeowner has been carried through all aspects of the controllers. The liquid crystal display, for example, is larger in size than the average controller and is easier to read with a backlit display.

Programming flexibility has been built-in with up to three on/off settings, a three-hour boost facility and holiday programming that covers daily, weekday/weekend and seven-day schedules. Simple push buttons on the front of the controller enable it to be programmed in-situ or it can be removed from the backplate for remote programming, secure in the knowledge that the battery backup will retain the new programme schedules.

With the introduction of these new controllers, the homeowner can take advantage of familiar menu-driven programming that will enable domestic hot water and central heating schedules to be changed at will. The installation contractor also has the flexibility to programme the system either on or off site.

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New Siemens Building Technologies RWB29 time controller from Flakt Woods (Ireland)
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YET ANOTHER FRESH IDEA FROM MYSON CONTROLS

Myson Heating Controls Ltd, Newcastle West, Co Limerick
Myson Heating Controls
For Domestic Heating and Hot Water Systems

Modern electronic controls should be easy to understand and operate, be straightforward to install, and offer a full range of control for today's highly-efficient heating systems. Consequently, Myson Heating Controls has introduced a new collection of electronic controls to its central heating product range. This is a "first" for Myson, which is manufacturing the new units in its own factory.

The new controls include two electronic programmers, two electronic room thermostats, a room thermostat using a gas bellows, a cylinder/pipe thermostat and a 16-terminal wiring centre. There are also four control packs containing different selections of electronic programmers, thermostats and motorised valves to suit the most common system requirements.

The Myson electronic programmers, coded MEP 1C and MEP 2C, both feature 24-hour control, offering either a seven-day cycle, or a five-day, two-day pattern, switching on and off automatically two or three times a day. Manual override buttons enable the householder to advance through the programme and to extend the "on" period.

MEP 2C is a dual-channel unit providing independent control of heating and hot water to meet Part L of the UK Building Regulations 2002. MEP 1C is a single-channel unit solely for heating control and suitable for use with combination boilers.

Myson Heating Controls has paid great attention to design detail to make the MEP units easy to install and maintain.

A unique front fixing arrangement enables MEP units to be mounted close to worktops and fixed shelves, and a novel design of "tile-support" backplate does not interfere with wall tiling. This means that retiling is not necessary in the event of the programmer having to be replaced.

The programmers will also fit on to the industry's standard backplate and more competitor backplates than any other equivalent programmer.

The MEP programmers use mains power, with an integral back-up battery to preserve the programme settings in the event of a power failure. A removable protective cover is provided to shield the unit from dust and paint splashes in new-build installations, this can be retained for subsequent redecoration.

Myson's MRPT electronic room thermostat is easy to use and offers the householder many control options: seven-day programming, three temperature settings (comfort, economy and frost), four programmes (three preset and one adjustable) with manual override and a vacation delay setting from one hour to 50 days. These can be combined with further optional adjustments set by the installer.

The MRTE is a non-programmable electronic thermostat that displays the ambient temperature very clearly on a liquid-crystal display (LCD), while the MRT1 has a mechanical dial setting with temperature sensing by a gas bellow with an anticipator.

The MCT1 is a dial-set thermostat suitable for use on a hot-water cylinder or a supply pipe.

The new electronic units from Myson Heating Controls will not be a total surprise to new-build developers using Myson's central heating design services. The company has been including the MEP programmers on its layout drawings for the past few months, in accordance with the revised UK Building Regulations and in anticipation of the product launch.

Innovation has been the hallmark of Myson Heating Controls in recent years, exemplified by products such as the TRV 2-way range of radiator valves and the timely introduction of the PPV push-fit range of valves for central-heating systems using plastic pipe.

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Honeywell has the future all mapped out

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Duplicate c-p-c Requirements for High Protective

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In an ideal power system, the voltage supplied to the load equipment and the resulting load current would be perfect sine waves. However, these waveforms are often distorted by harmonic distortion that is one of the main characteristics of information technology (IT) equipment. The proliferation of IT equipment in offices and homes has resulted in utility supply companies spending large sums of money to put in remedial measures to maintain the quality and continuity of the supply network.

As a by-product of harmonic distortion, for the majority of IT and energy-saving equipment, the circuit-protective-conductor (c-p-c) is seen to be carrying a small leakage current even when the circuit has no fault. This small leakage but a normal earth current is called a "protective conductor current". For a large number of IT equipment, the total current in the flexible connection of a Power Distribution Unit (PDU) could well exceed 3.5mA or, in some cases, above 10mA. Both ET101 and BS7671:2001 have stringent requirements in the method of connecting equipment having earth leakage current exceeding 3.5mA or higher.

Earthing & Bonding Requirements

Many engineers, especially after meeting the IT technologists, very often receive the following briefs: "to achieve a low impedance, common ground reference for all interconnected IT equipment to prevent the likelihood of the following:—

- electric shock hazard;
- equipment damage from transients;
- data contamination from noise and neutral-earth voltage;
- EMC compliance.

To be fair to electrical designers and installers, the list is clearly a wider design goal of an integrated IT and protective earthing system that should be designed with great attention. Often the finished design is an installation arrangement as illustrated in Figure 1.

Readers are reminded that this arrangement shown in Figure 1 does not fully comply with ET101 (or BS7671:2001) if the aggregate earth leakage current from the server cabinet exceeds 3.5mA. Why? ... it is because in ET101 and BS7671:2001, both standards stated that should the normal earth leakage current exceeds 3.5mA, equipment should either be permanently hardwired (see Figure 2, below) or use an industrial plug and socket to IS/EN 60309 (see Figure 3, opposite page) to connect to the supply.

From BS EN 60479, it is assumed that a threshold of "let go current" is approximately 10mA for some form of electric shock.
Conductor (earth leakage) Current IT Equipment

Purpose of the duplicate C-P-C
The main purpose of the duplicate c-p-c is to provide a duplicate conductive path for the flow of the protective conductor current. Should the primary c-p-c develop a fault or be disconnected inadvertently, the duplicate c-p-c will remain effective in its conduction of the leakage protective conductor current. Its main function is to provide a low impedance conduction path for earth leakage and earth fault currents. The duplicate c-p-c should be similar to the primary c-p-c and, ideally, it should be installed in the same cable or conduit as the primary c-p-c and live conductors. So, in the event of a fault, both c-p-c’s could provide the fault current return part to cause operation of the protective device resulting in little electromagnetic force for the faulty circuit.

Conclusion
At present the requirements for protective earthing are well documented in ET101 and BS7671:2001, but the actual implementation of requirements of protective conductor current wiring and functional earthing continues to vary among designers and installers. Often the additional bonding connections could create further problems in the long run and yet a number of BS and international standards have shown diagrams and illustrations of how additional bonding or earth connections could be provided to the IT equipment. Ultimately, it remains the responsibility of the designer and installer to ensure that the additional bonding or earth connections will satisfy both the protective and functional requirements of their final design.

I recommend that for today’s electrical installation, we should design for it a dedicated earthing and bonding system. It should comprise a main earthing terminal and a low impedance earthing busbar as recommended in the appendix of ET101 to provide the shortest and direct connections to IT and other high protective conductor current equipment within the electrical installation. With such a sufficiently-low impedance earthing busbar being made available, the integrated IT and protective earthing system required by IT or telecommunication systems engineers could also be satisfied, both readily and easily.

In conclusion, it is important to note that this article is information of a general nature only, and is not intended to address the specific circumstances of any particular project or circumstance.
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Part-Time Courses in Electrical Services Engineering

As reported last month, the 2/3-year Certificate/Diploma in Electrical Services Engineering (Programme reference DT 244) aims to provide a steady supply of graduate electrical services technicians to consultants, contractors, technical sales, manufacturing and the wider building services sector. This month we concentrate on the part-time equivalent programme (reference K249). We outline how the course evolved and on its progress to date.

The part-time programme was designed in response to demand from people working in the industry. The part-time programme is a five-year programme with attendance normally required on three nights per week. Students on the part-time programme receive exactly the same awards as students on the whole time programme.

- A DIT Certificate in Electrical Services Engineering is awarded on successful completion of year three of the part-time programme;
- A DIT Diploma in Electrical Services Engineering is awarded on successful completion of year five of the part-time programme.

Advanced Entry
In line with government policy on lifelong learning, credit is given for experiential and work-based learning by granting advanced entry to the programme to people with relevant work-based experience and/or prior learning. For example, advanced entry to year 2 of the programme is granted to electricians who have successfully completed the electrical National Craft Certificate (NCC) or equivalent. This effectively means electricians can acquire a DIT certificate after two years of part-time study and a diploma after four years.

The programme is also intended for other people working in the industry. People who have their leaving certificate and entered the industry straight from school. Many of these people may wish to enhance their qualifications and seek to fulfil their potential academically and professionally. Personnel in the HVAC sector may also wish to broaden their education into electrical services. The programme is intended for a wide variety of backgrounds and interests.

Needs of Mature Students
The part-time programme is equivalent to the whole time programme, but learning outcomes are sometimes achieved in different ways. Mature students expect their learning to be relevant to their needs. If it is not, they are likely to vote with their feet and leave the course. Programme delivery is therefore student centred and related to the needs of students and industry. The programme has high retention rates and the students have very high success rates in assessments. Students are highly motivated and there is significant assignment/project work. Assessment is over 50% continual, thus reducing examination pressures and giving reward for hard work during the year.

The course is modular with examinations taking place in mid January and in mid May. Students do not attend classes in the weeks before their examinations but tutorial support is available from lecturers.

Employment
The dual feature of high technical ability and the broad-based industrial experience of graduates of the programme will be an attractive feature to contractors, manufacturing industry and the broader building services industry. The programme is broad enough to maximise employment opportunities and progression.

Management skills such as project management and planning are a key feature of the programme. This is because many of the graduates may take up employment in middle management posts in the contracting industry.

Programme Structure
The part-time course is three evenings per week, 28 weeks per year. Places on the course are limited to 40 and applicants may be subject to interview to determine their suitability. The waiting list for September 2004 is already heavily subscribed.

Electrical Services Engineering
Part-time delivery – programme reference K249

Entry to Year 1
Leaving Certificate, with a minimum of 5 passes including Mathematics and English or Irish, (or equivalent); and be in full time employment in the building services industry.
Electrical Services Engineering

Entry to Year 2
Successful completion of year 1 of the course or successful completion of Phase 4 of the National Craft Certificate (electrical) program or equivalent and approved.

Entry to Year 3
Successful completion of year 2 of the course and successful completion of Phase 6 of the National Craft Certificate (electrical) program or successful completion of years 1 & 2 of the course.

Entry to Year 4
DIT Certificate in Electrical Services Engineering or equivalent and approved.

Entry to Year 5
Successful completion of year 4 of the course or equivalent and approved.

Transfer/advanced entry
Transfer between the whole-time and part-time programmes is possible. A number of students have transferred from the part-time to the whole-time programme successfully. This has allowed them to accelerate the time in which they can complete their studies.

It is also possible for mature people with industrial experience to apply for advanced entry straight to the whole-time programme. For example, electricians with the National Craft Certificate and AutoCAD and Computer applications can apply for advanced entry to year 2 of the whole-time programme. This allows completion of the Certificate in one year whole-time. The Diploma can be completed in one further year. A number of people have done this successfully in recent years.

AutoCAD short courses are available in DIT. A European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is accepted as a computer applications qualification.

Learning/Teaching Methods
New methods of course delivery — including e-learning — have been successfully introduced. Assignment and project work have been increased, allowing the lecturer to facilitate the students' ability to view their own learning. They can do this in the areas in which they are interested. This will enhance the students' ability to view learning as a lifelong activity and provide them with the skills to research and find out for themselves. This helps to overcome the problems associated with the short lifespan of modern technical knowledge. It will also increase student motivation and self-esteem.

The course ethos is a student-centred one with deep learning as its goal. Delivery of modules takes account of this. The course is delivered using modern educational methods. There is a careful balance between theoretical and practical laboratory work. Assignments are used to promote self-learning and develop problem-solving skills. The majority of the content of subjects such as AutoCAD, Computer Applications and Industrial Automation are delivered in a laboratory setting, with extensive use of assignment work.

Project work is a major module in the final year of the Certificate and the Diploma. The projects are designed to allow students to inter-relate the different course components and construct their learning around their own experience and knowledge while raising their critical awareness. The acquisition of both personal and professional skills, such as management and communication skills, are emphasised to ensure graduates will be able to perform to a high standard in modern industry.

Mature students doing part-time courses have different educational needs than whole-time students. The latter must postpone application of their learning until they begin their careers. Mature students enter courses with many questions from their workplace. They have the opportunity of immediate application of course material and can contextualise their learning.

Post-Graduate Opportunities
The course has been designed to fit into the proposed Bologna framework, which is harmonising engineering qualifications throughout Europe. Future developments include designation of this course as an ordinary degree, and the provision of ladders of opportunity to masters degree level.

Recognition of the DIT Diploma in Electrical Services Engineering has already been made by universities in the UK. Advanced entry is possible to honours degree and masters degree programmes. Advanced entry to the honours degree programme in building services in DIT Bolton Street is also established.

Future Plans
Future plans of the Department of Electrical Services Engineering include developing even closer links with industry to get our graduates jobs and improve our programmes in line with the needs of industry. We would also like to develop our research capability. Short course development and provision for individual companies is also available. The Department of Electrical Services Engineering has a successful track record designing and running courses in all aspects of electrical services including safety.

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For People in Property
PROPERTY AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

FRI Inspections

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Protecting the long-term value
of leased investment properties
is the primary aim of Property Managers. In order to
do this, regular inspections must
be carried out to ensure that the
property has been cared for
appropriately. Such inspections
form part of the overall strategic
plan for the property under
which specific objectives are set
down for the enhancement of
the property value.

Acquiring the appropriate
information with interim
professional reports on all
aspects of the condition of a
property is the prerequisite to
the successful management of
building maintenance in relation
to premises that are held on an
FRI lease.

However, reports must not
only be embraced but
enthusiastically supported and
consistently implemented if the
ultimate goal of protecting the
value of the asset is to be
achieved.

We in Irish Estates schedule
6-monthly inspections on FRI
premises within our portfolio
covering inspection, monitoring,
and reporting on the general
condition of the property. Other
complex issues, such as general
Health & Safety and Fire
Regulations are also included in
this report. Non-compliance
with Fire Regulations and
Health & Safety directives can
have detrimental implications
for both landlords and tenants.

When referring to FRI
property, it is appropriate to
clarify the general definition of
an FRI lease. An FRI Lease is
defined as a Full Repairing and
Insuring Lease whereby the
responsibility of both internal
and external repairs and
maintenance, and the acquisition
and payment of the insurance
contribution, is the sole
responsibility of the tenant and
not the landlord.

Irish Estates notifies tenants
in writing three weeks prior to
the proposed inspection date
and, if acceptable to the tenants,
an internal and external
conditional inspection of the
premises is executed on the
specified day.

What the report should cover
The report is generally divided
into sections. The initial section
of the Property Inspection
Report identifies with a
photograph of the relevant
property, i.e. type, age period,
size, and car spaces. Description
details of its exact location are
also indicated.

A further section addresses all
tenancy information, such as
head tenant, lease term, start
date, current rent, rent review
frequency, next review date,
authorised sub tenancies and the
contact details of the lease
holder.

A very important section of
the report deals with any
unauthorised sub-tenants that
may be operating on the
premises, which should be
reviewed by the surveyor. The
acquisition of information in
relation to any unauthorised
alteration/fit outs that may have
been carried out by the tenant
without landlord approval is
also the responsibility of the
surveyor and should be
highlighted.

The surveyor will also
include a section which
addresses and comprehensively
examines the environmental
systems of the premises,
office/retail/industrial, and will
report on all these entities
including ventilation; sprinklers;
smoke detector systems;
emergency lighting; suspended
ceilings; openable windows; and
floor covering.

A section specific to the
industry applicable is also
included such as the office
section where raised floors and
suspended ceilings are detailed;
Retail relates to frontage and
service access; industrial
provides particulars on floor
layouts, percentage of office
content, eaves heights, loading
bays, power supply and external
cladding.

The main body of the report
concentrates on the conditional
aspect and covers the interior
and exterior of the premises separately and Health & Safety and Fire Equipment. The latter two items are very much in the mindset of the surveyor but it is the primary responsibility of the tenant to provide a satisfactory level of safety in the workplace.

The surveyor will allocate sufficient time to assess competently the interior and exterior as well as environmental defects of the building, and will also endeavour to identify the less apparent weaknesses to assist the tenant to eradicate potentially more serious and permanent defaults at a later stage.

The resultant subsequent FRI report is forwarded to the client/landlord and the details of required remedial action are highlighted in a letter to the tenant. This letter is structured by priority whereby the Symbols A B and C are utilised to denote the urgency of the remedial action recommended and required, and reflect the following:

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- **A - Immediate Action**
  Required: Possible reason being, health and safety hazard, water penetration, fire risk or serious electrical defaults;

- **B - To Be Reviewed at Next Inspection**
  Decoration, general cleaning, minor defects;

- **C - Observation**
  No immediate action required but should be monitored at suitable frequencies.

The surveyor may request written confirmation from the tenant that the urgent items have been addressed and may undertake another site visit on completion of same. The landlord receives all correspondence from the surveyor to the tenant for his own perusal. Subsequent inspections are carried out on six-monthly intervals.

Having acquired the detailed remedial recommendations highlighted as a result of the inspection, it is incumbent on the tenant to have structures in place and that they detail same to the surveyor to reflect ongoing maintenance and refurbishment works in accordance with the urgency indicated by the surveyor.

It is a no-win situation if buildings are not maintained in accordance with good standard practices and regulations as this will have direct implications, both monetary and otherwise, for the landlord and the tenant at some future stage.

If the maintenance of the building is properly executed it will result in a more extended trouble-free lifetime of the building, and the concept is more likely to evolve when there is a strong management and strategic planning in place.

I believe that maintenance should be given the priority it deserves and that evaluations should be executed on a regular basis by professional surveyors who have expertise in compiling the extent and scope of maintenance requirements of a property, thereby minimising the weaknesses and limiting the damage that may only become apparent with time.

This is beneficial to both the landlord and tenant if implemented but trusting tenants to operate an efficient maintenance programme is not preferred. The reality is that, without supervision, even the most essential repairs can be neglected simply because it costs money. In all such instances the landlord is obliged to exercise the control.
Plumb Lines

Heard it on the grapevine...

HELLO ANONYMOUS
— Received a letter of complaint re a feature in last month’s issue from someone who signed off “I wish to remain anonymous for obvious reasons”. Too right! ... were I to send a letter of complaint to anyone without knowing all the facts I too would wish to remain anonymous. So, to “anonymous” ... check all your facts before being so rash.

COMPLAINTS
WELCOME — The foregoing should not be taken to mean that comment — even complaints — are not welcome. If you have something to say to us, good or bad, do so. Everybody is entitled to an opinion. However, if you want it to be taken seriously, make yourself known. Any signed letter will be published, provided of course it is not defamatory.

DON BYRNE SAYS THANKS — The occasion of the “Pat Benson Memorial Lecture” at DIT Bolton St earlier this month was also used to thank sponsors — L Lynch, FKM and Fläkt Woods — for the design and installation of the new HVAC laboratory at the college. Full report, with photographs, next month.

WHAT A VIEW — Sean Flynn of the Office of Public Works in Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2, is the lucky winner of last month’s BSNews/Sanyo DVD competition. The entry level continues to rise month on month and thanks to all who take the trouble to participate.

Congratulations Sean, you will be hearing from Barry Hennessy of Sanyo shortly. Happy viewing.

CIBSE CELEBRITY LUNCH — Now firmly established as a major event in the building services industry calendar, the CIBSE Celebrity Lunch kicks off the festive season with Herbert Taylor as guest speaker. Herbert has served not just the CIBSE and the SLL, but the industry at large, with distinction for many years. Go on, let your hair down and meet industry colleagues in a very convivial and relaxed atmosphere. Venue is Satchels Restaurant, The Schoolhouse Hotel, Northumberland Road, Dublin 4. Date is Friday, 5 December next. Cost is €45 per person. Book now by calling Margaret Dolan at Tel: 01 - 205 6300.

25 Years Ago!

WHAT A POSER! — Would you look at the size of the telephone handset, not to mention the width of the jacket lapels. Always thought big did Brendan Bracken ... still does. The telephone and dress sense has changed dramatically but not, thankfully, that big grin. Keep smiling Brendan.

UNDERFLOOR ON TOP — Congratulations to Seamus English of Polytherm Heating Systems whose PolyPanel underfloor heating system was awarded a prestigious Plan Expo Product of the Show Award recently. Seamus is making a bit of a habit of Plan Expo Awards, having also won an award for Polycomfort at last year’s show.

GLOBAL WARMING KILLS! — A recent study by World Health Organisation scientists claims that up to 160,000 people die every year from the side-effects of global warming. Most deaths are in developing nations — Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia, which are hardest hit by the spread of malnutrition, diarrhoea and malaria in the wake of warmer temperatures, floods and droughts. “These diseases mainly affect younger age groups, so that the total burden of disease due to climate change appears to be borne mainly by children in developing countries,” according to the report.

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