Task Group 39 held its second working meeting on the last day of the CIB World Building Congress on 6 April 2001 in Wellington, New Zealand. Nine Task Group Members and several guests participated in the full-day meeting.

Eight papers were presented from seven countries (Australia, Japan, Germany, The Netherlands, South Africa, United Kingdom, and United States). These reports focused on case studies and models that are being used to demonstrate, research and develop deconstruction and materials reuse. These reports and two additional papers have been published electronically as Deconstruction and Materials Reuse: Technology, Economic and Policy: CIB Publication 266. This publication can be downloaded at the CIB Home Page.

Those present at the business meeting summarized their current work activities in deconstruction and related areas. It became apparent that many of the projects complemented each other and that further communication would be likely between individuals before the next task group meeting.

Gilli Hobbs from BRE will be co-ordinating a European proposal on deconstruction for submission to the 'Sustainable and Competitive Growth Programme'. The deadline for submission is the 15th May 2001. Several European representatives expressed their interest in being involved in this proposal. The possibilities for involvement outside Europe are uncertain at present.

There was discussion about the benefits of developing a working group to follow on from the successful completion of TG 39 goals. This would cover the areas of resource efficiency, reuse, recycling, recovery, deconstruction etc. Some members expressed concern that the proposed name 'Construction Ecology' might be misleading. The aims and objectives of such a working group will be further developed over the next year.

Future Meetings
The next meeting of TG39 will be hosted by Frank Schultmann, DFIU in Karlsruhe on the 8th and 9th April 2002. The theme will be Design for Deconstruction. It is hoped that visits to recycling sites and sustainable building demonstration projects will be possible. The abstracts will be needed by Autumn 2001 (a call for abstract will be announced soon).

The fourth and final meeting will be hosted by Delft University in 2003 where the international report on Deconstruction will be presented by the contributing countries.

Invitation to Join
New members are invited to join TG39, especially from the following countries: Belgium, Denmark, Portugal, Italy, Canada, Thailand, Singapore, and Central & South America. This meeting also brought new members from France and New Zealand. It is hoped that new members will complete a country report on the state of Deconstruction in their respective countries.