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TG58 - Clients and Construction Innovation

Two-Year Mandate Extension

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At its meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark on 7-8 October 2007, the CIB Board has decided to grant a two-year mandate extension of TG58 on Clients and Construction Innovation.

Outcomes So Far

TG58 established an ambitious program of exploring innovation through a range of client-orientated approaches, including interrogating construction knowledge, networking and innovation competencies, devising innovation strategies and improving uptake, communication and diffusion of client innovations.

Group Outcomes so far include:

- Clients Driving Construction Innovation: Mapping the Terrain Book- edited by Kerry Brown, Peter Brandon and Keith Hampson and launched by industry leader Bill Wild, then Managing Director, John Holland at the Australian Institute of Project Management National Conference in Melbourne, Australia on 10 October 2005. "Mapping the Terrain" brings together cutting edge research, resources, frameworks and case studies to focus on the role of the client in the construction innovation process. The book offers insights into the ability of clients to drive innovation through their knowledge, purchasing power, by establishing documentation standards and developing regulations, legislation and codes by which construction industry policy and practice is implemented and carried out.
- Clients Driving Construction Innovation: Moving Ideas into Practice Book- edited by Kerry Brown, Peter Brandon and Keith Hampson and launched by industry leader David Stewart, Group

Managing Director, John Holland Group at the Third International Conference on Project Management (ProMAC2006) in Sydney on Thursday 28 September 2006.

"Moving Ideas into Practice" canvasses the ways in which ideas are formulated as a precursor to the development of construction-related technologies and industry practices, and has a clear focus on advancing the uptake of applied research to improve construction industry practice and performance. To improve industry performance, it is imperative to focus on moving ideas into practice - thus highlighting key elements of implementing applied research and targeted training.

Planned Outcomes

The Task Group will shortly produce a third book about clients and innovation in construction.

- Clients Driving Construction Innovation: Benefiting from Innovation - this book will provide the third publication derived from extended industry, government and research papers presented at the CRC for Construction Innovation's Third International Conference, scheduled for March 2008 at the Gold Coast, Australia. The Conference will demonstrate how applied research is making a difference in delivering social, environmental and economic benefits to property, design, construction and facility management firms, the industry and the community. "Benefiting from Innovation" will provide a forum for leading industry practitioners and researchers to demonstrate the results of their research and innovation, and will report on the

practical implementation of innovative technologies and practices, and stimulate new perspectives on innovation in this industry.

In addition to the publication of this third TG58 book, in 2008/2009 a rigorously documentation will take place of international examples of the benefits of innovation in the public and private sectors, particularly in the areas of construction safety, digital solutions and sustainability.

Additional Information

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