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GCCA joins forces with Concrete Sustainability Council

Driving environmental and social benefits of concrete through responsible sourcing certification key aim

The Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA) has announced today that it is formally joining the Concrete Sustainability Council (CSC) - adding its support to the only world-wide industry specific system which certifies the sustainability performance of concrete plants and their supply chain across the globe.

The responsible sourcing of construction materials is an increasing priority in high-profile construction projects and in public procurement. Concrete has an important role to play and its short supply chains and local production lend itself to being able to demonstrate a high level of environmental, social and economic responsible sourcing.

Developed in conjunction with social and environmental stakeholders, the CSC is the industry recognised authentication system, with more than 160 plants certified to its standards across 8 different countries.

Commenting on GCCA's new membership, CSC Chairman, Dr Christian Artelt said: "We are delighted at the decision of the GCCA to champion the many sustainability benefits of concrete by putting their global reach behind the CSC. We look forward to reinforcing and accelerating our work with their support."

GCCA Concrete and Sustainable Construction Director, Dr Andrew Minson said: "The CSC has established a highly-respected and internationally applicable responsible sourcing scheme for concrete and its main constituents of cement and aggregates.

"Helping to extend the reach and use of CSC certification across the globe falls squarely in our wider mission of promoting sustainability across the whole value chain."



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Clients, developers and contractors can be assured of socially and environmentally responsible practices through the concrete supply chain when specifying CSC certified concrete. Internationally recognized sustainable project assessment methods such as BREEAM and DGNB credit design teams and their projects with points when CSC certified concrete is specified and procured.

Dr Minson added: "Encouraging uptake of certification and having best practice spread more widely through the concrete industry is a win-win towards demonstrating tangible sustainability improvements – for designers, developers, concrete suppliers and cement manufacturers.

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About the Concrete Sustainability Council:

Concrete industry partners from Europe, USA, Latin America and Asia initiated the development of a global responsible sourcing certification system, designed to help concrete, cement and aggregate companies obtain insight in the level to which a company operates in an environmentally, socially and economically responsible way.

Concrete is the world's most widely used building material. By creating a certification system for responsibly sourced concrete, the Concrete Sustainability Council (CSC) promotes and demonstrates concrete as a sustainable building material to enable informed decision in construction. It is our vision to build a sustainable, safe, durable and comfortable future.

About the GCCA:

Launched in January 2018, the Global Cement and Concrete Association (GCCA) is dedicated to developing and strengthening the sector's contribution to sustainable construction. The GCCA aims to foster innovation throughout the construction value chain in collaboration with industry associations as well as architects, engineers and innovators. In this way, the association demonstrates how concrete solutions can meet global construction challenges and sustainable development goals while showcasing responsible industrial leadership in the manufacture and use of cement and concrete. The GCCA is headquartered in London, England. It complements and supports the work done by associations at national and regional level.