



## HeidelbergCement researches use of climate-neutral fuels in the UK

HeidelbergCement's British business, Hanson UK, is taking part in a research project on the use of climate-neutral fuels for cement production.

The study will investigate the potential to reduce carbon emissions by switching from fossil fuels to hydrogen and plasma technology. The research project has been coordinated by UK industry body the Mineral Products Association (MPA) and is funded by a £3.2 million award from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

Cement production using hydrogen and biomass fuels on an industrial scale will be demonstrated

at Hanson UK's Ribblesdale cement plant. The research results will then be shared across the industry to maximise the environmental benefit of the technology.

Simon Willis, CEO of Hanson UK, said: "Cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is a key priority for us, and we are delighted to be playing a leading role in this project.

"We have been very effective across the group in reducing our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, partly through the steadily increasing use of alternative fuels," said Dr Dominik von Achten, CEO of HeidelbergCement. "In addition to our activities in the field of carbon capture, use and storage, this project in the United Kingdom is

an important step towards realising our vision of producing CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral concrete by 2050."

Headquartered in Heidelberg, Germany, HeidelbergCement aims to reduce its specific net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per tonne of cement by 30% compared to 1990 by 2030. This target has been approved by the Science-Based Target initiative (SBTi) and is in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement, making HeidelbergCement the first cement company worldwide to have approved science-based CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets. In 2018, the reduction achieved was around 20 %; in 2019, it was already around 22%.

### NEWS

#### NEW EPIROC CEO TAKES OFFICE

Helena Hedblom has started her role as the president and CEO of Epiroc, effective March 1. She replaces Per Lindberg, who decided to leave his position after having successfully established Epiroc as a listed company. Hedblom's appointment was announced by the Sweden-based drilling and rock excavation equipment manufacturer last November. She was previously senior executive vice president mining and infrastructure and is a member of Epiroc group management. She is a member of the boards of directors of IPCO AB and the Swedish Association of Mines, Mineral and Metal Producers (Svemin). She has an M.Sc. in Material Technology from the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden. "Helena has a strong business focus, an in-depth knowledge of the business and is an appreciated leader who is living and breathing the Epiroc values," said Ronnie Leten, chair of Epiroc's board of directors. "As head of the mining and infrastructure business she has grown the business with increased earnings and a focus on strengthening productivity, safety and efficiency for customers." In addition to stepping down as president and CEO, Per Lindberg has also resigned from the Epiroc board of directors.



## SaMoTer announces rescheduled date

**S**aMoTer will now be held on 21-25 October 2020 in the wake of the impact of the COVID-19 virus. This is the second rescheduling of the date for the international construction equipment trade fair (and its co-located event Asphallica), which takes place every three years in Verona, northern Italy.

It was originally planned for 21-25 March, but in February organisers issued a notice that the event would be moved to May 16-20. This has now been moved back again to the new October date amid the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 virus.

SaMoTer and Asphallica, the bitumen & road infrastructure sector event, have been re-scheduled to Wednesday 21 - Sunday 25 October 2020 on the

Veronafiere site, together with ICCX Southern Europe, the precast exhibition conference.

These events will now be held alongside Oil&nonOil, the energy, fuel and mobility services trade fair scheduled for 21-23 October.

Giovanni Mantovani, CEO of Veronafiere, commented: "We continue to monitor the scenario, together with the steering committee involving companies, partners and associations such as Unacea and Siteb which co-organises Asphallica with us.

"The new postponement agreed upon is consequently the result of real-time listening to the market and careful assessments."



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