

mtech insight

The Monthly Newsletter from the Offsite Specialists

in brief...

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The manufacturing advisory service

There may still be some funding available from MAS, it can help pay for up to 10 days consultancy from Mtech on any manufacturing related issue– but please do not hesitate as funding streams do dry up when you least expect it!

Call Susie Bell for an initial discussion on 01743 276041.

offsite online

The smarter way to find Offsite systems

Do you have what it takes to supply the offsite sector...?

Offsiteonline is a unique reference resource for the most up to date information on companies supplying quality offsite construction solutions into the UK market.

We currently need more Timber Frame companies to feature in the directory – if that is you then register on line and get noticed.

“When you need to know which offsite products to use in your construction project Offsiteonline is the expert at your finger tips”

www.offsiteonline.co.uk

Why Do We Build So Wastefully?

In today's construction climate, where cost and sustainability have huge implications for developers and contractors, Martin Goss considers the stark realities of traditional methods vs. the advantages of eco-modular building and asks:

“Is it time to change the way we construct our homes?”

[read more](#)



Part L - it's all in the detail!



Martin Sutton recently spoke at the MPBA Part L Seminar held in Birmingham – his theme was Designing to meet Part L 2010.



Martin illustrated some of the main changes to Part L 2010 and showed how Mtech can assist with compliance through helping you at the early design stage, we believe it should be possible to cost effectively meet the new requirements.

He touched on the point that whilst some of the changes are far reaching others are relatively simple and there can be a few ways of improving most building systems towards meeting Part L for little cost and with a minimal manufacturing impact.

Overall the general aim is to reduce the level of emissions by 25% compared with 2006; more than ever it has become essential to look at the building as a whole and then target the detail, through doing this you will often make cost savings on the manufacture of your product and improve significantly its performance.

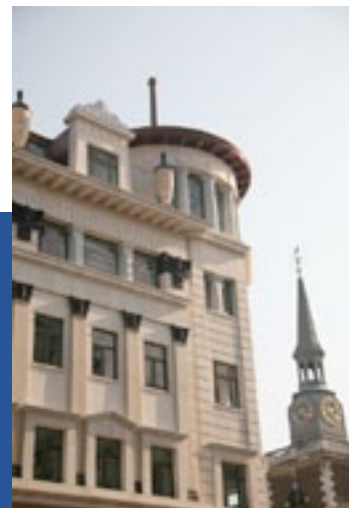
There has never been a better time to look at your designs and with our expert help improve your product design whilst achieving Part L.

Call Susie Bell on 01743 276041 if you would like to discuss Part L further .

Myth Busting – Offsite looks new and regimented...

Absolutely not. Look at this beautiful building clad by Marble Mosaic.

The building is 198-202 Piccadilly in London. The Marble Mosaic Co Ltd was responsible for the detail design, manufacture, delivery and installation of the precast concrete cladding panels.





Joint Venture

If you are planning to visit BEST at the NEC 18th-20th October and have an interest in Modular Buildings and Offsite technologies please visit Mtech Consult and the Modular and Portable Building Association (MPBA) on Stand 03-A03.

This is our first joint venture; we are all looking forward to a great event and hope to see you there.



Mtech are now on Linked In... and you are all invited to join if you have an interest in all things Offsite why not join us in lively discussions and debates on issues regarding offsite technologies with like minded people from all over the world.

We only have a couple of members so far but hope to grow it over the next few weeks and look forward to hearing your comments on the industry and any new technologies that are emerging. So join the group without delay and be part of the Mtech Consult world wide network.



In response to Scottish construction industry requests for further information and guidance, the SCC has designed a workshop to explore the benefits of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) and identify examples of how it is being used in modern construction projects.

Bob Mears has been invited to speak on Offsite Technologies at two of the scheduled events the first at the University of Dundee on 12th October and then at Buchanan House, Glasgow on 13th October for more information and costs please go to the SCC website:

www.scocon.org

We are not Local, we are Global



Bob Mears attending the Enviro 2010 exhibition in Melbourne.

We really do make our guys work during this three week overseas trip Bob visited Melbourne, Sydney, Darwin then on to Singapore and Dubai.

During his visit to Australia Bob was invited to present an overview of Offsite technologies to students at the University of Ballarat, Building and Construction Training Centre in Victoria, it was a great experience with the students showing enthusiasm and interest in the way offsite has developed in the UK.



Martin is on his travels again...

Martin Goss will be speaking at the International Modular Construction & Pre-Assembled Fabrication Conference between 16th and 19th November in Perth Australia. This will be part of a trip which takes him to New Zealand, Tasmania and Australia with a visit to 7 major cities in 14 days.

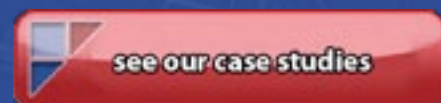
During his visit to New Zealand Martin will be addressing the members and committee of PrefabNZ (the equivalent of BRE in the UK).

Case Study - Mtech and Hill Partnerships



What was Mtech's Brief?

We were asked to develop a solution for a model affordable housing scheme, manage the supplier selection process and ensure technical compliance for the scheme.



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