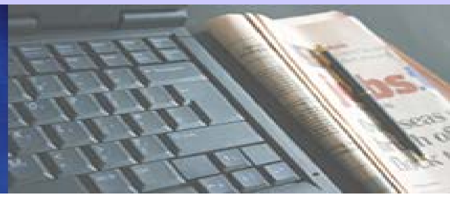

Confederation of Paper Industries Publishes its Annual Review 2015-16

The Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) is pleased to announce the publication of its Annual Review 2015-16, *Onwards and Upwards*.

The Review reflects on the challenges faced by Members across all aspects of the UK Paper Industry throughout 2015, along with insights into what 2016 holds.

In his overview, David Workman, CPI Director General, states that 2015 was the year the plight of Energy Intensive Industries (EIIs) hit the headlines and all for the wrong reasons. On a positive note, lobbying by CPI, along with other EIIs, saw the Paper Industry maintain its Climate Change Levy relief under the Climate Change Agreement (CCA) and ensured that those Members in our CCA are exempt from the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC). These two measures alone were worth £30m to the industry in 2015.

It is also worth noting that further progress has been made on this issue already in 2016. CPI has been heavily involved with officials from the Treasury, resulting in the Chancellor's recent announcement that the CRC will be cancelled.

Energy was once again a priority in 2015 with rising costs proving detrimental to the industry. Environmental issues tackled by CPI are also covered in detail, along with a look at the circular economy package. It was also another busy year on health and safety issues following the launch of the new PABIAC strategy at the CPI's Biennial Health & Safety Conference.

A detailed summary of Packaging Affairs activities includes updates on regulatory matters, information on the recently introduced carrier bag charge, progress on the corrugated promotional programme and updates on the latest FEFCO marketing campaign.

A comprehensive review of industry data for 2015 with graphs is available, covering Consumption, Production, Recovered Paper Collection, Tissue Parent Reel Production and Shipments of Corrugated Boxes, amongst others.

CPI's Annual Review 2015-16 is available in hard copy on request. Please contact Emma Punchard, Director of Communications, on 01793 889609 or email epunchard@paper.org.uk.

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based Industries, comprising recovered paper merchants, paper and board manufacturers and converters, corrugated packaging producers, and makers of soft tissue papers.

- CPI represents an industry with an aggregate annual turnover of £6.5 billion, 25,000 direct and more than 100,000 indirect employees.
- For facts on the UK's Paper-based Industries please visit: www.paper.org.uk.