

Manufacturing Sector

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Dear CPI Member

Making a Difference - your chance to pledge your company's support for PABIAC's Strategic Direction Statement for 2008-2011

I am pleased to enclose your personal copy of PABIAC's strategy for health and safety in the paper industries for 2008-2011.

It summarises the industry's overall achievements in reducing the toll of injury and absence from work caused by injury and work-related ill health over the period 2005 - 2008 and sets out PABIAC's targets for 2008-2011.

This time PABIAC is inviting CEOs to commit their companies, by way of a written pledge, to working to help the industry achieve the strategic targets. I enclose a form of words for the pledge that you can adopt using your company's letterhead and I invite you to make your pledge and send it by e-mail or post to PABIAC at the address below. (An electronic version of the pledge is available at <http://www.paper.org.uk/hands/pabiac/pabiac.htm>).

Companies who make the pledge will receive a certificate from PABIAC and, if they wish, their names will be listed on the PABIAC website. Providing a pledge is, of course, entirely voluntary and there is no deadline for submitting it, although PABIAC would prefer to receive the pledges as soon as possible. For companies who have a number of sites, we recommend that arrangements are put in place for each site to be formally linked to the pledge.

Recent research¹ commissioned by the Health and Safety Executive has shown that industry-specific targeted health and safety initiatives, including past PABIAC strategies, have delivered significant reductions in injuries and ill health in the workplace and improvements in health and safety management. The research also suggests that those schemes and strategies that enlist the industry's leaders by way of a formal "sign up"

¹ (Research Report RR620 *Review of targeted initiatives in the manufacturing sector* - www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrhtm/rr620.htm)

may have an edge. To promote your company to a wider audience, you may also wish to make your stakeholders aware of your commitment, and include this in your public relations activities.

With your support and commitment I am confident that we shall, once again, make a difference to the lives of employees in the paper industries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

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