

UKOPA/07/0040

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Dear Members,

UKOPA Membership Fees 2008

Further to my previous note on membership fees (UKOPA/07/0038), the Management Council thought it would be appropriate to provide members with some further justification of the level of membership fees for 2008.

To deliver the planned 2007-2012 work as detailed in the strategy document and agreed with the members, the Management Council has assessed the funding requirement and this is reflected in the projected fees for 2008.

UKOPA's current and future work programme cannot easily be judged relative to earlier years, but rather as a business plan today, reflecting the technical and regulatory pressures that we know and anticipate. We face a choice which all of you are familiar; namely that if the fees to fund this work are not in place then programme of work will have to be reduced. I hope you will all support the view of the Management Council that there is little if any work within our programme which is not valuable to the members and doesn't provide the necessary output to support our deliverables versus HSE and other stakeholders. Without this work, I believe the value of UKOPA will diminish and we will lose our hard-earned place as key consultee and influencer within the industry.

Even though the fees need to be increased, the Management Council of UKOPA firmly believe the level of membership fees represent extremely good value to member companies particularly when compared with other joint industry initiatives. In support of this, we can if you wish share with members the expenditure forecast for the coming years which illustrates the projected needs and expenditure at a level of detail.

Regards,

Mark Harrison

UKOPA Chairman