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Welcome to the September 2008 Update

FIRST CPCS OPERATOR BLUE CARDS ISSUED VIA THE EPIC ROUTE

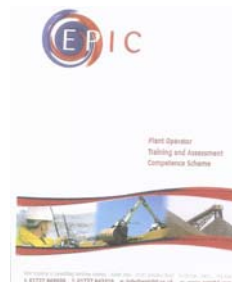
Following negotiations with CPCS, the first CPCS Blue Cards (Competent Operator Cards) to be obtained through operators taking the EPIC Mobile Plant Assessments and NVQ in Roadbuilding were issued to 13 operators of Tarmac Western based at Kington in Herefordshire in August 2008. Nigel Scott, Commercial Manager for Tarmac Western National Contracting at Kington and Graham Crawshaw, EPIC's Training Manager responsible for the Roadbuilding activities within EPIC, applied for the Blue Cards for the operators by working through the training records of each of the employees before submitting applications for each operator. By following the EPIC Mobile Plant Assessment route Tarmac Western have saved considerable time and money by operators not having to follow the normal CPCS route toward Blue Card certification.

Not to be outdone by their counterparts, Tarmac Western National Contracting Operations at Hendy in South Wales have now also applied for CPCS Blue Cards through the same route for 14 of their operators.

For further information on CPCS via the EPIC route please contact Graham Crawshaw on 07725196225.

EPIC PLANT TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT SCHEME - NEW LEAFLET LAUNCHED

A new leaflet has been produced detailing the EPIC Plant Training and Assessment Scheme, the leaflet provides you with information and benefits of the EPIC Scheme, details of what is covered by the scheme, the assessment process and feedback and details the latest version of the plant categories covered. For your free copy of the leaflet or for an email version please contact Myriam on 01727 869008 or email Myriam.Wallace@epicltd.co.uk



SHOTFIRER & EXPLOSIVE SUPERVISOR PUBLIC EXAM – NEW DATE ADDED

The Shotfirer or Explosive Supervisor Exam for 2008 is :

24 September 2008, Chorley
3rd December 2008, Selby Fork

For further information, or to book a place, please contact Kerrie on 01727 869008 or email Kerrie.Mulgrew@epicltd.co.uk

MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTS IN PARTNERSHIP – NEW COURSE LAUNCHED

EPIC has developed this 1-day assessed course in consultation with QPA and BAA. The first course will be delivered at Aggregate Industries' Croft Training Room on Thursday 25th September.

The course will be attended by 12 delegates from QPA member companies: Aggregate Industries, Hanson, Tarmac, Lafarge and contractors Ritchies.

The course breaks new ground in that it brings Industry Managers and Contractors together in the same national course. For more information contact Kerrie Mulgrew on 01727 869008

CONTRACTOR SAFETY PASSPORT COURSE REVIEW – YOUR INPUT WELCOMED

Over the coming months, EPIC with the support of industry is to carry out a review of the course materials for the Contractor Safety Passport Course; specifically day 2 the industry specific day of the initial course and the industry specific sections of the refresher course, if you wish to contribute to the continued development of the course then please email your comments to Trish Jagger, Trish.Jagger@epicLtd.co.uk

EPIC SITE SAFETY AWARENESS AND SAFE BEHAVIOUR FOR ROAD HAULIERS PUBLIC COURSES

If you are interested in accessing public courses for road hauliers please email your requirements to Lynda McKill indicating the number of people you wish to attend the course, your preferred location for delivery and also preferred day of the week for delivery. We are currently logging all your requirements so that courses can be scheduled around your needs.

For further information or to email your requirements please email Lynda McKill: Lynda.McKill@epicLtd.co.uk or call on 01727 869008.

The following public courses have been arranged, based on current demand – please contact Kerrie Mulgrew, to book your place call 01727 869008 or email Kerrie.Mulgrew@epicLtd.co.uk

28 October	Cambridge
29 October	Exeter

QPA SCOTLAND HEALTH SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE – 20 November 2008

The biennial QPA Scotland Conference will again be held at the Scottish National Heritage Conference Centre at Battleby, near Perth. The keynote address will be made by Calum MacDonald, Director of SEPA. Presentations will be given by Susan Donnelly, HSE Inspector in Scotland, on Occupational Health Issues, by John McNairney, Assistant Chief Planner, Scottish Government and by John Thomson, Director of Scottish Natural Heritage. There will also be presentations from industry on a range of topics including Control of Contractors and Competence.

This Conference, one of the premier events held in Scotland, is normally heavily subscribed to, so you are urged to reserve your ticket for this event, which costs only £74-00 plus VAT, by contacting Sian Barker, Events Manager, Quarry Products Association, 42, Blackbrook Road, Fareham, Hampshire PO15 5DQ Tel 01329-314854 or 0770 3649276.

PUBLIC COURSE PROGRAMME

2 nd October	EPIC Risk Assessment in Quarries	Scotland
15 th -16 th October	EPIC Supervising Safety in Quarries	Loughborough
22 nd October	EPIC Understanding the Quarries Regulations (Basic)	Derbyshire
4 th November	EPIC Safe Working and Inspection of Excavations, Taps and Stockpiles for Quarry Supervisors	Midlands
12 th -13 th November	EPIC Effective Safety Committees	London
25 th November	EPIC Risk Assessment in Quarries	Bristol
3 rd December	EPIC Quarry Safety Inspections	Loughborough
9 th December	EPIC Safe Working and Inspection of Excavations, Taps and Stockpiles for Quarry Supervisors	Scotland

To reserve your place on any of the above courses please contact Kerrie Mulgrew on 01727 869008 or email Kerrie.Mulgrew@epicLtd.co.uk

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

We are pleased to announce that EPIC will be exhibiting at the following events; we look forward to meeting you there.

30 September	Institute of Quarrying Conference	Beaumont House, Old Windsor
17 October	QPA – Health and Safety Best Practice Awards	One Great George Street, London
13 November	Proskills Conference	Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel & Country Club, Meriden
20 November	QPA Scotland – Health, Safety and Environmental Conference	Scottish National Heritage Conference Centre, Brattleby, near Perth

For further information on how EPIC could help you, please call now on 01727 869008 or visit www.epicLtd.com