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Helping you to stay abreast of current developments in remanufacturing worldwide.

Here's the latest newsletter for the **Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse**, established by Oakdene Hollins Ltd with Defra support to promote remanufacturing and other reuse options.

Read our **Centre News** for the latest progress in the promotion of remanufacturing and other reuse options.

Keep up to date by reading our **Industry News**.

Get Involved with remanufacturing by participating in projects currently being carried out at the Centre.

Further information on the items below, many other current reports and news items and back issues of the newsletter can also be found on our [website](#).

You can contact the **Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse** directly by either using the remanufacturing hotline [01296 337165](tel:01296337165) or e-mailing info@remanufacturing.org.uk.

Third Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse Stakeholder Conference

Around 60 people representing a range of interests and sectors turned out for the January CRR "AGM". In addition to a review of the past year's activities, organisations working with the CRR gave a variety of perspectives on developments. [Read More:](#)

Standards

The consultation stage for the remanufacturing definitions standard BS 8887-2 has now closed. A meeting at the end of February is scheduled to discuss your contributions. We are grateful for those who contributed; we want this standard to reflect your views. If things go to plan, the standard will be published with amendments in late March or early April. This is only the first stage in developing a series of standards to help increase quality and sales in remanufactured products. Work on the next set of standards has already begun. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Uniform reuse project

The Corporatewear project is developing fantastically, with the one of the key outputs, the website www.uniformreuse.co.uk held in preparation for launch at the Corporate Clothing and Workwear Show at the NEC on 1-2 April 2009. This will be featuring reports of all the results of individual sub-projects, plus a database of industry members and case studies of best practice. We are exhibiting at stand B12 at the Show, and our very own Nick Morley will be presenting at the Sustainability Conference alongside the show. If you haven't got your ticket yet, details can be found on our [website](#).

New Project – Market study for Bond Group

Following on from an earlier product group report, CRR staff have been engaged by Refrigerated Display Cabinet remanufacturers, Bond Group, to look more deeply into the market and environmental potential in the sector. In a far-sighted move the group is keen to lift the lid on what is happening. A key feature will be discussions with potential users such as supermarkets about their perceptions and buying practices. A report will be available in April.

Event - Business & Product Design for Remanufacture

On March 19th, CRR and Envirowise are jointly hosting a seminar on the broad topic of design for remanufacture. This will embrace not only product issues, but critical aspects of designing and evolving business models and processes, taking the experiences of leading companies such as Edwards Vacuum and Xerox at first hand. For more information and to book for this event please [contact us](#).

Component Test and Inspection Techniques Seminar

The one-day technical seminar designed to showcase various inspection techniques and to demonstrate how they can be applied to remanufacturing activity has been postponed from 18th February to April of this year. All those who have expressed an interest in attending will be sent updated details as soon as these become available. The event will include presentations from academia, remanufacturing practitioners and providers of inspection equipment and services. If you are interested in attending as either a delegate or presenter and have not yet been in touch please [email](#) us with your name and current contact details in the body text of the email.

Remanufacturing and Enhanced Capital Allowances (ECAs)

Discussions with Treasury about including remanufactured products in the ECA scheme have been very constructive. Some general principles have been established including: the need for auditable performance tests for energy using products and more rigorous definitions of the sort of processes and warranties associated with remanufactured goods. This fits well with the ongoing work on Standards.

How hot is remanufacturing?

Do you remember the remanufacturing survey from Q4 2008? Thanks to all those who replied. The good news is that remanufacturers seem distinctly more positive than news reports about the rest of the economy would suggest. [Read More:](#)

Carbon footprint of remanufactured products

The CRR is working on the carbon impact of remanufactured products versus new ones in liaison with the industry practitioners. We are in the data collection phase for rotating electrics, high speed cutting tools and gear boxes. Our next report on carbon footprints will be on the 6-speed automatic transmission gear box that is used in passenger cars.

If you are a remanufacturer and interested in carbon footprint of your products, please [email](#) us.

USA - Healthcare sees \$138m benefit from environmental stewardship

Ascent Healthcare Solutions, a leader in the medical device industry, announced that their medical device remanufacturing/reprocessing eliminated 4,300,000 pounds (2,150 tons) of waste from local landfills in 2008. [Read more:](#)

Jobs axed at Shropshire remanufacturing firm

Sixty jobs have been axed at a Shropshire manufacturing company as the economic crisis continues to claim victims across the country. [Read more:](#)

USA - Oshkosh Defense awarded \$5 million remanufacturing contract

Oshkosh Defense has been awarded a contract modification with the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM). [Read more:](#)

USA - City Council votes in favour of tax abatement for remanufacturing business

The Terre Haute City Council (Indiana) has voted in favour of a 10-year tax abatement for remanufacturing equipment at GE Engine Services-Tri-Remanufacturing in Terre Haute. Further details may be found on our [website](#).

Soy-based printer cartridges now available for the workplace

TheGreenOffice.com has introduced SoyPrint™, a new line of laser printer cartridges made with soy-based toner powder. [Read more:](#)

USA - Chromalloy awarded Air Force contract

San Antonio Business Journal reports that Chromalloy Component Services Inc., an operating unit of Chromalloy Gas Turbine Corp., has been awarded an Air Force contract to provide remanufacture services for module 12 assemblies in support of F-108 engines. [Read more:](#)

Report on Commercial Medium Tyre Debris

A report on the underlying causes of truck tyre failures has been distributed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. [Read more:](#)

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