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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** or e-mailing **info@remanufacturing.org.uk**.

International Remanufacturing Congress 2-3 March – Book Now!

Don't forget that if your planning on attending the Congress in Leamington Spa, we need to hear from you with your booking form which you can find [here](#). You can attend for one or two days, with an optional plant visit on demand. There's a free drinks reception sponsored by EEF on 3rd March. Read the latest [congress info](#) including speakers.

Resurveying Remanufacturing

CRR has just published its updated survey which examines changes in the reman and reuse market since 2004. The survey findings show that whilst the remanufacturing and reuse industry in the UK is healthy, it is in an exposed position. Remanufacturing appears particularly sensitive to economic factors, whether from the economic downturn, the availability of cheap goods or the varying cost of labour. Read the full report [here](#).

CRR in Print: Interview with Professional Engineering

CRR's Kerry Mashford explains how remanufacturing yields "As good as new", gives products a new lease of life, and looks set to become big business as firms seek to cut costs and back sustainability in this [journal article](#).

Standards Hike

January saw a final committee meeting on BS8887-220 which discussed comments from the public. A big thanks to all those that participated in the consultation. This is now set to be the first British Standard that sets out the steps necessary to effectively remanufacture a product. Purchasers now have a benchmark for specifications guaranteeing high quality products. Promotion is now under way, and it will be ready to buy from the end of March from the BSI website. If you want further details please contact [Ben Walsh](#).

Government buying standards

Formerly know as Quickwins, Government Buying Standards is a set of specifications that government buyers must follow when purchasing goods. CRR has been working closely with Defra to incorporate the sustainability agenda into these criteria, specifically exploiting the benefits of reused office furniture. The plan is to ramp up commitments from around 5% per annum. If you want further details please contact [Ben Walsh](#).

MBA students to learn from Playstations!

CRR is currently producing a family of Teaching Cases based on the successful business Sony Computer Entertainment Europe have made from remanufacturing. Rather than send a customer a new Playstation console to replace a faulty one, customers receive a remanufactured model of exactly the same quality. MBA students using these Cases will be able to assume different roles within the company and analyse data to evaluate why remanufacturing can work well for Customer Returns. The Cases are due to be circulated to UK Business Schools in May although they will also be available to a wider audience at www.eech.com.

Reports issued

What would be the effect of policies that prescribed recycled and reused content in products? CRR's Alastair McGregor has started the analysis in this complex field with a new report. Contact us for more details.

Defra Consultation on waste definition now open

Defra is considering revised waste definitions in the light of impending changes to the EU Waste Framework Directive. It's a policy consultation document has just been published and is open for comment by all readers. What makes this so relevant is that it is much more specific about reuse (including reman) operations, differentiating what happens before goods are discarded (waste prevention) from what happens afterwards (waste recovery) as distinct classes. This may be the only chance to comment on new policy for some time, so if you would like to comment, download the consultation document from the Defra [web-site](#).

Defra Sustainable Clothing Roadmap Conference

Come and visit the Uniform Reuse stand at the fourth multi-stakeholder Sustainable Clothing Roadmap Conference, to be held on the 23rd February 2010. The conference will be held at the Southbank Centre in London, and is co-ordinated with the Estethica sustainable clothing trade show at London Fashion Week. The CRR will be displaying the results of last years collaborative Uniform Reuse project, with the website, report findings and case studies available for perusal.

This invitation only event will feature presentations, exhibitions and discussions from stakeholders involved in the Roadmap. It will include:

- the latest updates on the Roadmap evidence projects,
- actions by industry and exhibits,
- the launch of the 3rd update to the Sustainable Clothing Action Plan,
- a reception and exhibition visit to the Estethica sustainable clothing trade show at London Fashion Week.

Lastly, it will act as an opportunity for stakeholders to participate and inform the next steps to occur. For more information, contact [Caroline Bartlett](#).

North America Fuel Systems Remanufacturing says Kentwood tax abatements help it stay in business

North America Fuel Systems Remanufacturing LLC needs to launch new products to stay in business, company representatives say. The company remanufactures diesel injectors and injection pumps used in heavy-duty fuel systems for equipment and vehicles. These are sold as aftermarket replacement parts. [Read more.](#)

UK - Helping government buy remanufactured furniture

As part of our major collaborative project on furniture, CRR has been working with Defra to develop purchasing specifications. [Read more.](#)

EU Changes Ink Cartridge Policy

The European Parliament has changed its policy on using ink cartridges after being lobbied by a British ink and toner cartridge remanufacturing group. [Read more.](#)

UK - research shows reclamation of building materials has fallen due to lack of government support

Sustainable construction experts have published new research showing that the amount of building material being reclaimed has declined and that reclamation is in fact becoming more difficult in the UK. [Read more.](#)

Caterpillar signs JV agreement with China Yuchai for remanufacturing diesel engines & components - posted 14 Dec 2009

Caterpillar Inc said it has signed a joint-venture agreement with China Yuchai International Limited to establish a company to provide recycling services for Yuchai diesel engines and components and certain Caterpillar diesel engines and components. [Read more.](#)

CRR Releases 2009 "Remanufacturing in the UK" Survey

This survey is a follow-up to the original work of 2004 which first quantified the impact of remanufacturing in the UK. It attempts to segregate the different aspects of reuse into remanufacturing and other forms. [Read more.](#)

USA - ArvinMeritor named top US remanufacturer of 2009

ArvinMeritor was named Heavy Duty Remanufacturer of the Year for 2009 by the Heavy Duty Remanufacturing Group (HDRG) of the Automotive Parts Remanufacturers Association (APRA). [Read more.](#)

Eco Inkjets makes positive impact with remanufactured ink cartridges

Eco Inkjets, the leading manufacturer of inkjet ink cartridges and laser toner cartridges in the United States, has carved a niche for themselves among environmentally-conscious Americans. [Read more.](#)