



Update

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Welcome to the fifth newsletter from the **Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse**, established with Defra support by Oakdene Hollins Ltd to promote remanufacturing and other reuse options. For those who have only recently registered to join our mailing list, the previous newsletters from the **Centre for Remanufacturing & Reuse** are still available to read on our website.

Through this newsletter we hope to reach all those who are interested in keeping abreast of current developments in remanufacturing by providing them with up-to-the-minute news and information on remanufacturing worldwide.

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 reading about the opportunities to participate in projects currently being carried out at the Centre.

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

You can now telephone through directly to the Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse using the new remanufacturing hotline **01296 337165**. Our e-mail address remains the same – info@remanufacturing.co.uk.

Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse - Second Stakeholder Conference

We are pleased to announce that the second CRR Stakeholder Conference will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2008 at Broadway House, London, SW19 9NQ. The event is free and will enable you to find out more about our work in 2007/08 and allow us to gather feedback from key representatives in UK remanufacturing to help shape our future work.

Further information and booking forms will be available soon. In the meantime please register your interest by [emailing us](#) with your name and current contact details.

Feasibility Studies

Contracts have been signed and work is now underway on all five feasibility projects. The topics were outlined in the last newsletter and further information about all five feasibility projects is now available on our [website](#).

Remediation for Remanufacturing event

The Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse organized a very successful and fruitful seminar with the University of Leeds on October 10 which was attended by 35 delegates from industry, universities and government organisations. Further details can be found on our [website](#), where copies of the individual presentations are available for members to download.

Reman Primer

In conjunction with Envirowise, we have produced a primer – “**An Introduction to Remanufacturing**”. This is primarily to educate those who can provide support to remanufacturers – Government bodies, RDAs and trade federations, for example – in understanding what remanufacturing is, its benefits and two typical, but different, companies involved. You might find this useful in engaging with potential customers or other agencies, so we’ve made it available on our website as a pdf. If you do use it, please acknowledge our contribution, point them to the site and let us know how you get on.

Product group studies

We’ve completed our two latest product group studies: utility meters and medical devices. These will be up on our web site soon. Future product groups include mattresses, lifting machinery and wind turbines, so if you’re in these sectors, we’d be interested to [hear from you](#).

LCAs

Carbon footprints for remanufacturing of tyres and printer cartridges are currently proceeding with Best Foot Forward. Results are expected in the new year. If you feel that a carbon footprint would benefit a different remanufactured product please contact us.

STOP PRESS: Recently WRAP ran trials on de-inking paper industry sludge. The trial tested the application of some Canadian equipment, the KDS Micronex from the First American Scientific Corporation, on drying and processing the sludge. These trials have now finished and WRAP wants to sell off the equipment. If you are interested in this equipment, please [contact us](#) directly for more details.

December remanufacturing seminar

The Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group will be holding a seminar on remanufacturing in December and CRR has been asked to present at this. If you have burning issues that you would like us to get across, please email them to us by the end of the month. We'll let you know how we get on in the New Year newsletter.

Remanufacturing standards

There is a need for standards in certain remanufacturing industries to ensure that products labelled 'remanufactured' meet a build specification that is acceptable to the customer. The CRR is collaborating with British Standards to develop a remanufacturing standard. Our initial aim is to include remanufacturing in the BS8887 Design for Manufacture, Assembly, Disassembly and End of life (MADE) as a valid strategy for end of life components. We also intend to develop a British Standard which tightly defines remanufacturing. We are interested in hearing from you if you think that your industry could benefit from a specific remanufacturing standard, which defines remanufacturing and ensures that the standard of work performed by remanufacturers is high.

Remanufacturing decision tool

The Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse is in the final stages of developing a strategic level decision making tool on remanufacturing. The tool is based on a set of core issues affecting the decision making process. With an easy to use interface it is designed for the targeted end-user group of senior-level management decision makers (i.e. directors, CEOs, human resource managers, finance managers and marketing managers). Before its release, the CRR would like to invite companies interested in remanufacturing to try the tool. Please log your interest by [emailing us](#).

Brochures & Publicity

In the last newsletter we published a call for remanufacturers who wanted to become involved in a promotional brochure aimed at purchasers in the retail sector. We received a tremendous response and have now decided to produce **two** sectoral publicity brochures. The first is aimed at the **food retail sector** (to include products such as RDCs, air conditioning, catering equipment, lifting systems, shelving and fixtures, compressors, etc.) and the second will cover the **office equipment sector** (including office furniture, photocopiers, flooring systems, white goods, vending machines, printers, cartridges, toners, lighting, etc.). There is still time for your company to take part by [contacting us](#), and reaping the benefits of involvement which include free publicity for your company and a potential increase in sales

Automotive component aftermarket

This event is a joint Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) - Centre for Remanufacturing and reuse workshop on remanufactured automotive parts.

The SMMT and the CRR are hosting an event in London for automotive part remanufacturers. The aim of the event is to gain views, ideas and concerns from the strong UK remanufacturing base for automotive parts. The workshop participants are all remanufacturers, therefore, the event will focus on developing policy actions to encourage remanufacturing in the automotive sector rather than introducing the concept of remanufacturing. The meeting is by invitation only but we will inform you of outcomes of the meeting. A further meeting is planned for large car manufacturers in the near term.

UK remanufacturers host first international meeting

An agreement to support the growing Right to Repair Campaign was adopted as official policy in October when the Federation of Engine Remanufacturers hosted an international meeting in Cambridge of representatives from Europe's specialists in engine remanufacturing and repair. [Read more:](#)

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