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UK leads the world in developing a remanufacturing standard

The Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse is pleased to announce the development of a new British Standard *BS8887-220: Design for manufacture, assembly, disassembly and end-of-life processing - Part 220: Remanufacture*. This standard defines the processes by which used product is turned, through a series of manufacturing steps, into a like new product. The document is available for public comment and can be accessed through the BSI website:

<http://drafts.bsigroup.com/?d=505> (may require registration)

Remanufacturing is a proven way to extend the life of a product, whilst guaranteeing levels of performance and lifetime expected of a new product. This benefits the customer by providing lower cost high quality product; the remanufacturer who can produce these products at a fraction of the cost of producing new products; and the environment through to reduced resource use.

There is currently no way of determining the quality of a remanufactured product meaning purchasers cannot guarantee that it will perform as good as new. Through development of this standard, we hope to address this issue, give confidence to buyers and improve the profile of this sector.

The standard is open for public comment meaning you can directly influence its contents. If you are not happy with some of the wording or wish to see changes, now is the time to do it. It is important that we get this standard right, future remanufacturing standards will be built on it and there generally isn't an opportunity to change it for the next three years!

This remanufacturing standard has been written to be applicable to all sectors. If you feel there is a requirement for a more specific standard targeted at your industry, please contact Ben Walsh at the Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse who is looking to develop sector or product-specific standards.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About the CRR:

- The Centre for Remanufacturing and Reuse (CRR) was established three years ago to support and promote, where appropriate, the activities of product remanufacturing and reuse.
- The CRR is funded by Defra (the UK Government's Department for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs).
- Remanufacturing is the process of bringing End-of-Life products back to life by repairing, refurbishing, upgrading and/or replacing parts. Remanufactured products are provided with a warranty matching that of a new product, ensuring customer confidence.
- The CRR's website www.remanufacturing.org.uk provides comprehensive and free interactive information, including:
 - Who is remanufacturing
 - What products can be remanufactured
 - How to remanufacture
 - The benefits of remanufacturing
- The CRR is managed by Oakdene Hollins Ltd, a clean technology and resource management consultancy based in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. www.oakdenehollins.co.uk
- The CRR believes that product remanufacturing and reuse (r&r):
 - is vital to the conservation of resources including materials and energy
 - presents benefits to both the environment and businesses
 - boosts skills, employment and economic activity in the UK.

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