

NEARLY 200 MPs SIGN UP FOR PAYMENT SECURITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

In the last session close to 200 Members of the House of Commons signed the Early Day Motion 1941 on 'Improving payment practices in the construction industry'. The text of the EDM tabled by Claire Curtis - Thomas MP stated:

'That this House believes that security of payment in the construction industry especially for small and medium sized businesses is a prerequisite to achieving trust and collaboration in the industry; therefore, urges the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to use the opportunity presented by the current review of Part II of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, initiated by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to amend the Act to ensure that there is a statutory mechanism for defining the amount to be paid at the date for payment, that all conditional payment provisions and cross contract set-off are outlawed, that progress payments start from commencement of contract and that the Act provides effective protection for firms in the supply chain from 'upstream' insolvencies. That this House believes that payment security will be a major factor in the successful delivery of the construction projects for the 2012 London Olympics'

SEC GROUP THANKS ALL THE MPs THAT HAVE SIGNED THE EDM

Curtis-Thomas, Claire	Gibson, Ian	Butterfill, John	Gummer, John
Spellar, John	Goodwill, Robert	Challen, Colin	Taylor, Richard
Baldry, Tony	Truswell, Paul	Flynn, Paul	Goldsworthy, Julia
Younger-Ross, Richard	Willis, Phil	Streeter, Gary	Hoey, Kate
Meale, Alan	Morgan, Julie	Vaizey, Edward	Hood, Jimmy
Dismore, Andrew	Ruane, Chris	Loughton, Tim	Bryant, Chris
Caton, Martin	Marshall-Andrews, Robert	Cook, Frank	Allen, Graham
Bottomley, Peter	McDonnell, Alasdair	Dunwoody, Gwyneth	Syms, Robert [R]
Taylor, David	Burns, Simon	Gray, James	Browne, Jeremy
Williams, Betty	Burstow, Paul	Anderson, Janet	Rosindell, Andrew
Simpson, Alan	Drew, David	Taylor, Dari	Sarwar, Mohammad
Holmes, Paul	Atkinson, Peter	Humble, Joan	Davidson, Ian
Jones, Lynne	Begg, Anne	McGrady, Eddie	Benton, Joe
Mackay, Andrew	Winterton, Ann	Brown, Russell	Williams, Roger
Conway, Derek	Winterton, Nicholas	Dobson, Frank	Wright, Jeremy
Cryer, Ann	Hosie, Stewart	Robertson, Angus	Evans, Nigel
Godsiff, Roger	Milton, Anne	Lamb, Norman	Moon, Madeleine
Hancock, Mike	Scott, Lee	Fallon, Michael	Huhne, Chris
Penning, Mike	Reid, Alan	Walter, Robert	Luff, Peter
Khabra, Piara S	Russell, Bob	Weir, Mike	Wilson, Robert
Field, Frank	Burgon, Colin	Wishart, Pete	Heathcoat-Amory, David
Berry, Roger	Doran, Frank	MacNeil, Angus	Marshall, David
Borrow, David S	Starkey, Phyllis	Martlew, Eric	Betts, Clive
Vis, Rudi	Kirkbride, Julie	Clapham, Michael	Stewart, Ian
Pope, Greg	Lazarowicz, Mark	Grogan, John	Benyon, Richard
Jenkins, Brian	Dobbin, Jim	Vaz, Keith	Malik, Shahid
Keetch, Paul	Hemming, John	Widdecombe, Ann	Connarty, Michael
Campbell, Ronnie	Howarth, George	Horam, John	
Dean, Janet	Iddon, Brian	Illsley, Eric	

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Impact on 2012 Olympic Games

Almost 60% of firms responding to a recent survey indicated that they experienced payment problems and abuse as sub-contractors on the majority of projects. As a result, this impedes the trust and collaboration necessary to achieve a critical mass of teamworking and partnering. It also reduces the industry's capacity at a time when the industry is at its busiest for many years. The consequences of all this has been demonstrated by the Wembley Stadium saga.

The Specialist Engineering Contractors (SEC) Group is committed to playing a crucial role in delivering the 2012 Olympic Games by helping to build the venues and infrastructure. We recognise that there is a big challenge here for the UK construction industry over the next six years. The SEC Group will meet the challenge.

However, we believe that this is not just about a month of sport in 2012. This is about the UK construction industry using the opportunity presented by the Games as a catalyst for the implementation of best practice. This is an opportunity that must not be missed.

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Amess, David

Newmark, Brooks

Brake, Tom

Holloway, Adam

Kawczynski, Daniel

Havard, Dai

Malins, Humfrey

Clegg, Nick

Hamilton, David

Seabeck, Alison

Prosser, Gwyn

Harvey, Nick

Murphy, Denis

Randall, John

Laxton, Bob

Lloyd, Tony

Cable, Vincent

Donohoe, Brian H

Baker, Norman

Bayley, Hugh

Engel, Natascha

Swinson, Jo

Willott, Jenny

Mitchell, Austin

Cunningham, Jim

Cooper, Rosie

McGovern, Jim

Hepburn, Stephen

McCarthy-Fry, Sarah

Mullin, Chris

Miller, Andrew

Davey, Edward

Walley, Joan

Miller, Maria

Simpson, David

Lancaster, Mark

Hall, Patrick

Creagh, Mary

Robinson, Geoffrey

Efford, Clive

Brokenshire, James

Teather, Sarah

Opik, Lembit

Osborne, Sandra

Tipping, Paddy

Moss, Malcolm

Clelland, David

Stunell, Andrew

Shepherd, Richard

Mallaber, Judy

Brown, Lyn

Morden, Jessica

Devine, Jim

Gidley, Sandra

Bacon, Richard

Turner, Desmond

Burt, Lorely

Austin, John

Pelling, Andrew

Brown, Nicholas

Butler, Dawn

Mulholland, Greg

Oaten, Mark

Wyatt, Derek

Moffat, Anne

Salter, Martin

Foster, Michael

Jabez

Baron, John

Rennie, Willie

Walker, Charles

Actions

- If you wish to help or find out more then contact John Nelson, Executive Secretary of the SEC Group at contact@secgroup.org.uk or 020 7313 4819.
- If you have concerns then write or table a PQ to the Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP - Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry - about progress on the Review of the Construction Act - and particularly on improving payment in the construction industry.
- Would you be prepared to initiate an adjournment debate in the House of Commons?

The SEC Group is an umbrella representative body in the construction industry. Its membership consists of the industry's six premier trade associations: Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (APHC), British Constructional Steelwork Association (BCSA), Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA), Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association (HVCA), Lift and Escalator Industry Association (LEIA) and SELECT (Electrical Contractors' Association of Scotland). Together these bodies represent a sector comprising 60,000 firms and a workforce of more than 300,000.



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