



## CLC News Release

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### **New Champions to Drive Industry Carbon Challenge**

Leaders from a wide spectrum of UK construction businesses have stepped up to drive carbon out of the industry.

Today the Construction Leadership Council confirms a stellar line up of businesses including major contractors and global consultants, top manufacturers and products firms, as well as specialist distributors and quantity surveyors that have committed to share their experience as they plan to hit Net Zero.

12 organisations are confirmed today as a new wave of CO<sub>2</sub>nstructZero Business Champions. They will work alongside the CLC and other major industry bodies to share innovations and best practice, acting as promoters and role models to support the industry's move to Net Zero Carbon. The 12 organisations are:

- Adair
- Atkins
- Cast
- CEF
- Costain
- Faithful + Gould
- Istock Plc
- Imtech
- The Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE)
- Knights Brown
- Peak
- Wavin

CO<sub>2</sub>nstructZero is the Construction Leadership Council's campaign to bring the whole sector together in a joint effort to meet the UK's Net Zero ambitions

As Business Champions, each organisation has made a commitment that they will share tangible evidence of their net zero carbon plans against the nine CO<sub>2</sub>nstructZero priorities, contribute to the CO<sub>2</sub>nstructZero industry reporting process and work together to support companies in the sector to develop their own plans.

Representatives from four of the companies – Atkins, Costain, Knights Brown, and Peak - will take part in an event today where they explain the work that they are undertaking to tackle carbon.

Construction Leadership Council co-chair Andy Mitchell welcomes the new Champions. He said: *"We all know that tackling carbon will be the single biggest challenge our sector faces over the coming decade. To advance as an industry, we need to learn from those who are leading the way. I am delighted that we have such strong Champions coming on board, providing guidance for companies across UK construction on how they can drive out carbon"*

## **Notes for editors**

1. Details of the CO<sub>2</sub>nstructZero programme are available at <https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/constructzero>. New Business Champions will be announced monthly.

## **About the Construction Leadership Council (CLC)**

The CLC's mission is to provide sector leadership to the construction industry. The expanded CLC has twelve workstreams that operate collaboratively to address the biggest issues facing the sector, focused on the Industry Recovery Plan.

Workstreams include skills and inclusion, building safety and business models. The CLC is co-chaired by Ann-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister for Business and Industry, and Andy Mitchell CBE, CEO of Thames Tideway.

## **Business Champion profiles**

### **Adair**

Adair founder Justin Sullivan is chair for International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS), a standard looking at carbon which comes out in Q4 this year. I chair the coalition. To be able to reduce carbon first you need to be able to measure it, if you can't measure something, you can't manage it. This standard will enable us to measure carbon, in which case we can manage it and we can help decision makers design it out.

### **Atkins/ Faithful+Gould**

Atkins and Faithful+Gould, members of the SNC-Lavalin Group, are a leading engineering, design and project management organisation with capability and experience in delivering major capital projects and programmes that span the energy, transportation, and infrastructure sectors. It has provided a framework to allow all of its teams the chance to lead the way on net zero carbon, with its Engineering Net Zero blueprint.

### **Cast**

Cast is committed to playing its part in the decarbonisation of the construction industry and being an exemplar for how SME consultancies can make a difference in construction.

Despite being just over 80 people strong and only 5 years old, Cast has a disproportionate impact on the industry's direction through advising some of the leading clients in the residential development and investment market and its participation in wider industry change initiatives. This is Cast's business focus in relation to Scope 3 emission impact whilst also developing its strategy on more directly controlled Scope 1 and 2 business emissions.

Cast are currently developing a corporate plan with specialist consultancy, Greengage, to enable it to commit to a deliverable plan.

Through this Cast will report publicly on the difference it is making and ensure the Cast team is proud to work for a company that is genuinely committed to the Race to Zero.

Cast's guiding principles for the formulation of its corporate strategy will be the 4 pillar framework set out in The 1.5°C Business Playbook.

## **CEF**

CEF was established in 1951, and the economic, social, and environmental footprint of its business activity is a fundamental consideration in its commitment to responsible and sustainable growth. Climate change is a key part of the sustainability strategy it is currently developing and meeting Net Zero will be instrumental within it. As a responsible supplier, CEF are also committed to delivering carbon reduction as well as wider sustainability gains for its customers.

## **Costain**

Costain has set the agenda and pace for tangible action to be taken now to tackle climate change, meet net zero and embed the business case for sustainability across all stages of infrastructure through its Climate Change Action Plan.

Leading by example and being a clean growth leader, Costain is not only eliminating emissions from its direct footprint but also tackling the much-needed scope 3 emissions from its clients' and supply chain partners' footprints. In 2019 Costain's Climate Change Action Plan was launched which set out a detailed 15-year plan to transition to net zero operations by 2035 at the very latest without resorting to offsetting as a primary solution.

## **Ibstock**

Ibstock is a long-term business with a deep heritage operating for around 200 years. As such part of its DNA is to steward its resources and ensure it has a sustainable and positive impact on the world. It has a history of significant investment in many of its factories to improve its environmental and carbon performance.

The Net Zero journey is one it shares with its customers. Ibstock has seen a transformational shift in attitudes from all of its key stakeholders; and there is a 'sea-change' in how its customers, and, in turn, their customers, view environmental issues. As the UK's leading building products manufacturer Ibstock recognises that it has to adapt and respond – and this is reflected in its Sustainability Roadmap to 2025 with a key measure of a minimum 15% reduction in CO2 by 2025.

## **Imtech**

Climate change is a priority for Imtech and its businesses have a direct impact on future construction projects, both new build and refurbishments. The progress of Net Zero and being a part of it will affect its business workflow and business earnings. It is providing EV charge point solutions to customers and changing its business company car policy to low carbon alternatives. It also intends to provide Net Zero road map on all projects and identifying the GHG emissions impact plus ways to reduce.

## **The Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE)**

The IStructE leads and supports the development of structural engineering worldwide, to secure a safe and resilient built environment for all. It exists to ensure that structures built around the world protect their users, and society at large. Longer term, reducing emissions is part of that necessary protection.

In 2019, the IStructE's Trustee Board made a fundamental decision to place climate change on a par with its enduring commitment to structural safety. It has since

focused on proactively driving change in the way that structures are designed and constructed, putting the IStructE at the heart of the conversations that set the vision for a low-carbon future in the built environment.

### **Knights Brown**

Knights Brown is an independent, multidisciplinary, construction company. In April 2021 it set out Goal 13, its comprehensive strategy to respond to the climate and nature emergency. The name of the strategy reflects of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, of which Goal 13 is climate action.

Knights Brown has a clear objective for carbon reduction - to transition to net zero, accelerating progress to significantly reduce carbon emissions by 2030 in line with a science-based target pathway, compensating for residual emissions through potential high-impact climate and nature actions that deliver long-lasting, quality results alongside environmental and social benefits.

### **Peak**

Peak helps merchants and manufacturers to drive improved business performance using Decision Intelligence. Peak's Decision Intelligence software embeds AI in vehicle routing technology, ensuring that delivery vehicles are more productive and travel fewer miles. Customers have seen transformational efficiency gains at speed and scale, including an 8% reduction on miles travelled per job and an increase of 23% capacity, in just three months. AI-driven demand forecasting informs both production scheduling and sourcing optimisation to reduce waste. Over a year, another company making aluminium products reduced transportation costs by 8% and eliminated 400 metric tonnes of waste. Peak will engage companies on the sustainable and long term benefits that Decision Intelligence can deliver.

### **Wavin**

Wavin's purpose is to 'Build healthy sustainable environments.' At the centre of its approach is a very clear target of reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

Wavin wants to play its part in helping to reduce emissions in the built environment. Ultimately, its ambition is to lead the industry in sustainability by 2025 and demonstrating significant progress towards reaching net zero will be key to achieving this'.