



CLC News Release

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The Construction sector's CO₂nstruct Zero Industry-Change programme continues to grow.

Launched in March 2021, CO₂nstruct Zero brings together organisations that are demonstrating leadership in relation to carbon reduction, sharing their good practice with others from across the UK construction sector, and providing a set of metrics that enables the sector, quarterly, to collectively measure its progress to Net Zero.

Since its launch more than 50 Business Champions have committed to targeted carbon reduction, and to provide details of how they are achieving this to help those from across the wider sector.

Today's announcement marks CO₂nstruct Zero's continued growth.

The Environment Agency has become the first client organisation to join the Construction Leadership Council's CO₂nstruct Zero programme.

In the final round of new champions for 2021, The Environment Agency are among 11 companies selected. The other new Business Champions are:

- AESG
- Benfield Timber Buildings
- EvoEnergy
- Galliford Try
- Henry Brothers
- Kerridge Commercial Systems
- Osborne
- VolkerWessels UK
- Xtratherm
- Zed Pods

In addition to welcoming these Business Champions, we are delighted to announce today that PwC UK has joined CO₂nstruct Zero as a Partner.

Environment Agency programme manager and CO₂nstruct Zero Business Leader Owen Tarrant said: "We've set the goal of reaching [net zero by 2030](#). Construction accounts for over half of our annual carbon emissions per year and we are already reducing this through nature-based solutions and new tools and technology.

Our involvement with the CO₂nstruct Zero initiative is a great opportunity to collaborate across the industry and share our progress to help facilitate the country's shift to low-carbon infrastructure."

PwC UK's government net-zero leader Zlatina Loudjeva said:

"Climate change is one of the most pressing problems facing the world today and the business community has a key role to play in unlocking the potential for green growth. We're proud to join the CO₂nstruct Zero partnership and look forward to working with our clients across the engineering and construction supply chain in pursuit of net zero and construction zero goals."

Construction Leadership Council co-chair Andy Mitchell said: *"The power of the CLC comes from its ability to reflect and engage with the whole industry. CO₂nstruct Zero has provided a standard for the whole industry to get behind, so it is brilliant that one of the sector's most progressive customers, with a brilliant track record for carbon reduction, together with PwC UK as an organisation addressing these issues, have chosen to get on board. We look forward to inviting further clients and organisations to join CO₂nstructzero in 2022."*

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