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GSHPA announces appointment of Chairman Simon Lomax

The Ground Source Heat Pump Association (GSHPA) Council has elected Simon Lomax, Managing Director of Kensa Engineering, as its new Chairman.

According to Lomax:

"2013 represents a pivotal year for the ground source heat pump industry. Following significant input from the GSHPA, DECC (Department of Energy and Climate Change) has already indicated that it intends to increase the Commercial RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive) Phase One tariffs, which will provide a much-needed boost to a technology that has struggled to remain competitive in a market that has been distorted by unfair subsidy levels. In addition, the GSHPA will be actively involved in the final development of the RHI's domestic Phase Two policy, which should be finally announced in the summer."

Besides supporting efforts in Whitehall, Lomax is also keen to strengthen the GSHPA's efforts to publicise the appeal of the technology to the wider market. He continues:

"The sheer versatility of ground source heat pumps, particularly their ability to provide heating and cooling, has complicated DECC's task to produce sound policy. Sadly, technically elegant GSHP solutions have been replaced with less appropriate alternatives which benefit from more generous subsidy support. The Government's latest Heat Strategy continues to support the substantial deployment of ground source heat pumps and it is essential that members are able to compete fairly against other technologies."

Established in 2005, the GSHPA supports over 90 members representing designers, manufacturers, installers, drilling contractors and end-users of ground source heat pump technology. According to Lomax:

"The Association must play a significant role in re-establishing the appeal of ground source energy to the wider consultant and end-user market, whilst providing the necessary services to all parties responsible for project delivery. The GSHPA is engaged in the development of a broad range of technical standards and has contributed significantly to the refinement of the MCS installer standard, and is committed to demonstrating the effectiveness of the technology across a broad range of buildings."

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Editor Notes

Ground source heat pumps are a proven technology widely used in Europe & North America and one of the few renewable energy solutions that is available to nearly every type of building in the UK. It has the potential to significantly reduce the country's heating bills whilst also contributing to the achievement of the government's renewable energy and carbon reduction targets. It is a technology that can create thousands of new, skilled jobs. Ground source heat pumps are a fundamental part of the government's long term energy strategy.

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The Ground Source Heat Pump Association (GSHPA) aims to encourage the growth and development of the ground source heat pump industry in the UK and help to set and safeguard standards. For more information about the GSHPA visit www.gshp.org.uk.

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