

Media announcement

Development of a compensation scheme for construction workers affected by The Consulting Association

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Today, eight major UK construction companies announce that they are working together to develop a scheme to compensate construction workers whose names were on The Consulting Association (TCA) database.

The companies – Balfour Beatty, Carillion, Costain, Kier, Laing O'Rourke, Sir Robert McAlpine, Skanska UK and VINCI PLC – all apologise for their involvement with TCA and the impact that its database may have had on any individual construction worker.

The companies have joined together to establish The Construction Workers Compensation Scheme. The scheme is intended to make it as simple as possible for any worker with a legitimate claim to access compensation.

The companies have invited workers' representatives to enter into a period of engagement to ensure that the proposed terms of the scheme are fair and effective. The group is also engaging with other interested parties.

At this time we are not able to share any further information on the proposed scheme. However, once engagement with the workers' representatives has concluded, we will announce full details of the scheme which we would like to open to applicants as soon as possible.

We have discussed the scheme with a number of other construction companies. We encourage participation from across the industry and would welcome interest from any company that had been a user of, or subscriber to, TCA.

The companies involved in the scheme would support the introduction of a code of conduct to ensure nothing like this can happen within the construction industry again.

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Notes to editors

- The Consulting Association was closed in 2009
- A large number of construction companies were subscribers to, or users of, the TCA database

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