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AN UPDATE FROM THE ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS' ASSOCIATION

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EDA scoops Princess Royal Training Award for modules

City & Guilds recognises the positive impact of the Association's Product Knowledge Modules on its businesses and their people

City & Guilds recently announced that the Electrical Distributors' Association (EDA) is one of 46 organisations recognised by the 2022 Princess Royal Training Awards.

The award is an endorsement of the high-quality training provided by the Association's programme of 12 Product Knowledge Modules. HRH The Princess Royal is the President of City & Guilds, and the scheme awards outstanding training and skills development programmes that have been proven to have a significant positive impact on businesses and their people.

Commitment

Now in its seventh year, the scheme continues to reward organisations that show exceptional commitment to learning and development. With skills shortages across the UK increasing and job vacancies doubling, creating engaging learning programmes to grow and retain new and existing talent is crucial.

Kirstie Donnelly MBE, Chief Executive of City & Guilds said: 'The



awards demonstrate how training and development can open up opportunities and attract new talent to industries with significant skills gaps and labour shortages.

Encouraging

'We know from our Great Jobs report published earlier this year that construction continues to be a heavily male-dominated industry, therefore it's encouraging to see organisations using the power of skills development to address issues

such as improving diversity and inclusion and changing perceptions.'

EDA CEO Margaret Fitzsimons said: 'To win such a high-profile award is a fantastic endorsement of the training we offer to EDA businesses. It is a testament to the contribution made by the product experts from EDA manufacturers and wholesalers who pooled their knowledge to create this training.'

Positive message

Tracy Hewett, Head of Education and Training at the EDA, added: 'Since this training programme launched in 2018, well over 3,000 modules have been studied by almost 2,000 people working in EDA businesses. This is proof positive that the UK's electrotechnical sector invests in the professional development of its people.'

The awards will be presented at a ceremony in early December.

See the full list of winners at:

www.princessroyaltrainingawards.com/2022-recipients/



FROM THE BOARDROOM

During lockdown, the EDA introduced regular Talking Shop Zoom Dialogues to keep the electrotechnical sector up to date on the rapidly changing business environment. The EDA's State of the Sector Surveys became integral to these meetings. These surveys ask topical questions about how the market is changing and how EDA businesses are adapting to the challenges that we all face.

Since the easing of COVID restrictions, the survey has gone from strength to strength. The results share insights into the challenges that we all face every day and enable the Association to address any difficulties.

I am part of a committee of wholesalers and affiliated manufacturers that meets virtually every quarter to highlight the most relevant and pressing issues of the day – these topics form the basis of the next EDA Survey.

The invitation to give feedback goes to every lead contact at wholesaler members and affiliated manufacturers. Please take a minute to complete it. I would also urge you and your teams to join us online at the next Talking Shop to hear results and other important business news – visit www.eda.org.uk to register.

Simon Booth

Managing Director

ETC Electrical Supplies

EDA Board of Management

New member round-up

A warm welcome to two new members from The IBA Buying Group Ltd, Lancashire-based PS Electrical Wholesalers Ltd and, from Middlesex, West Base Electronics Ltd.

We also welcome, ANEW member, GLT Electrical Wholesalers Ltd with branches in Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

PS Electrical Electrical Wholesalers

West BASE

GLT ELECTRICAL WHOLESALERS

For listings of all Members and Affiliates, visit www.eda.org.uk

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Engagement Awards return to Trinity Buoy Wharf



Once again, the Engagement-o-meter swings into action to assess just how engaged EDA businesses are...

The EDA's Summer Event brings together business leaders from wholesalers and manufacturers for a day of networking. More than 170 attendees from 111 organisations enjoyed a champagne reception and lunch at Trinity Buoy Wharf before EDA President Chris Ashworth presented the EDA Engagement Awards.

Businesses are awarded an 'engagement' point every time they take part in – or 'engage' with – an EDA benefit. The EDA tracks engagement from 1 April to 31 March and rewards the most engaged Manufacturer Affiliates and Wholesaler Members at the Summer Event. Engagement Points are awarded

across many activities such as:

- Training and Apprenticeships, utilising EDA Product Knowledge Modules and training courses
- Participating in digitalisation initiatives, including EDATA and ETIM
- Sending your team to attend our Regional Business Forums
- Attending the quarterly Talking Shop Zoom Dialogues.

WHOLESALE WINNERS



▲ Andrew Mosely of CEF (centre) and Mark Felber of Edmundson Electrical Ltd (right) receive their awards for **Most Engaged Member Wholesaler – over 100 branches**



▲ Geoff Kerly of KEW Electrical Distributors Ltd (right) collects an award for **Most Engaged Member Wholesaler – 20-99 branches**



▲ Richard Sherin of R&M Electrical Group Ltd (centre) and Simon Barkes of BEMCO (right) won awards for **Most Engaged Member Wholesaler – 2-10 branches**



▲ Steam Electric Co Ltd's Steve Westbrook (right) and his award for **Most Engaged Member Wholesaler – 11-19 branches**



▲ Chris Ashworth presents awards for **Most Engaged Member Wholesaler with one branch** to (l-r) Paul Jenner of The IBA Buying Group Ltd on behalf of ETC Electrical Supplies and Mark Ashworth of ABM Electrical Wholesale Ltd

MANUFACTURER WINNERS



▲ Jon Chamberlain (right) of Marshall-Tufflex Ltd, collects the award for **Most Engaged Affiliate Manufacturer**



▲ Chris Ashworth presents the award for **Affiliate Manufacturers with the Most Improved Engagement** to (l-r) Mark Smith, NVC Lighting Ltd; Ebony Shuttleworth, Kingfisher Lighting Ltd; and Stuart Swalwell, Cembre Ltd

Don't miss a chance to talk shop!

Have you registered for the Talking Shop Zoom Dialogues Tuesday 25 October; Thursday 27 October 2022? Register at www.eda.org.uk

New rules mean more on-the-job hours for apprentices in England

Everything you need to know about the EDA Apprenticeship Service is now available in this new Apprenticeship Guide

From 1 August 2022, apprentices in England on a 40-hour working week contract are now required to complete the equivalent of only six hours of off-the-job training a week instead of the previous eight.

Extra work

Over a year, this adds up to an extra 104 hours of work for your business.

Six hours of off-the-job per week can be an accumulation of learning activities that take place over the course of the apprenticeship, it does not have to be one day a week. There could be a greater proportion

at the start or end of the apprenticeship, or it could be scheduled for less busy periods.

Your business can decide how and when you want off-the-job training to be delivered, and your Training Provider will incorporate this at the design stage of the apprenticeship.

Training time

It is a condition of government funding that you give apprentices time away from their roles to do their training, and this includes time spent with their tutors.

Any learning that is undertaken

outside working hours cannot be counted towards off-the-job training.



Apprenticeship Guide for Managers

Download your copy of our essential guide to the way apprenticeships work – the myths, the facts and how your business can benefit from the EDA's Apprenticeship Service. To download your copy, visit www.eda.org.uk, or call the team on 020 3141 7350.

MERCHANDISING TO BOOST TRADE COUNTER SALES

Watch your sales rocket



Great merchandising makes it easier for your customers to find and select the products they are looking for, and then pay and leave effortlessly. But it isn't as simple as filling

your counter with displays.

Merchandising Best Practice is a face-to-face, one-day training course created for EDA Members and Affiliates by merchandising experts. The course trains you in tried and tested techniques so you can apply the art and science of great merchandising to drive sales to the max.

The training course costs £300, which is great value. Call the EDA

on 020 3141 7350 or visit www.eda.org.uk to find out more.

Book a place at www.eda.org.uk

MANCHESTER Tuesday, 1 November 2022. Kindly hosted by British Cables Company

New EDA Affiliate Manufacturer

A warm welcome to new Affiliated Manufacturer **DeWalt** (Stanley Black & Decker).



Find talented people for your team

The UK job market has a record number of vacancies, but most businesses are struggling to recruit new staff. For the past year, recruitment has been one of the top three operational challenges for EDA businesses.

To help companies, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has introduced Way to Work, a national scheme to help employers find the right candidates. There are hundreds of thousands of talented, work-ready candidates registered with the Job Centre, and they are eager to take on a new role.

Way to Work includes free-to-attend job fairs that attract up to 2,000 potential candidates. Fairs are held in venues such as football stadiums so they will attract local people keen to find a job.

The next job fairs are on:

- Thursday, 20 October 2022 at Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Town Hall
 - Wednesday, 26 October 2022 at Northallerton Town Hall.
- Way to Work is constantly releasing new information and starting new initiatives, so keep an eye out for our updates or call the EDA office.

To take a free stand at one of these fairs, or find out more, call the EDA on 020 3141 7350 to speak with our Training and Education Team.



Louise has some apprenticeship advice for EDA managers

'Getting the right match between an apprentice's job role and their training is crucial,' says Louise Sugars (right), Head of Apprentice Engagement (North), at the EDA's partner EDA Apprenticeships Plus.

'An apprentice who's spending all their time in a warehouse won't succeed on a Business Admin apprenticeship – the two just don't match. On-the-job experience must match their training.'

'In smaller EDA businesses it can be all hands to the pump, and you need people with a range of skills – but that's where we can help man-



agers think through the roles needed in their team.' For apprenticeship expertise including advice on recruitment, HR, and accessing funding, call Louise on 07721 239906.

Did you know...?

88%

Between August 2021 and August 2022, 88% of apprentices trained in EDA businesses were offered a permanent role once they had qualified. Proof that apprentices are an essential part of the team.

Inaugural EDA conference offers glimpse of the future

Manufacturers, wholesalers and contractors gather to share their vision of the future

Power It Up: EDA's Industry Insight Conference, on Wednesday 16 November 2022 in Edgbaston brings together the three-step supply chain: manufacturers, wholesalers, and contractors.

The one-day conference, which is followed by a networking dinner, is aimed at business leaders from the UK's electrotechnical supply chain and offers high-calibre speakers sharing their vision for the future of the sector.



The conference is invitation only (places are limited). If you are the lead contact for your business but have not yet registered, check your emails or call the EDA on 020 3141 7350 and speak to Nancy Adolpho, Executive Assistant.

Eyre & Elliston's Alfie is an apprenticeship inspiration



Meet Alfie Cotton, part of the team at Eyre & Elliston Holdings Ltd, Christchurch. In this video, Alfie and his manager, Jerry Neal, share the benefits of becoming an apprentice and bringing an apprentice into your business.

Visit www.eda.org.uk/training-apprenticeships/apprenticeship-inspiration/ to hear from them both.

Watch this video now: tinyurl.com/ApprenticeAlfie

DELEGATES WORK THE ROOM AT UXBRIDGE BUSINESS FORUM



EDA Forums are about bringing fresh ideas and new opportunities to the wholesaler. This Forum, the third in 2022 (the EDA was in Newcastle and Manchester earlier this year), welcomed about 130 delegates.

There is no cost to attend Forums for EDA businesses.

Do you know the five key drivers of profit in your business? Keynote speaker, Peter Hill, certainly does. He is a Chartered and Certified Accountant and Consultant, and his message is: 'Don't get bigger, get better. Harness the five key drivers of profit and transform your bottom line'.

Three delegates won a free copy of Peter's book *Pricing for Profit* (right).

If you missed Peter's session you

can download his presentation, and those of all the Uxbridge Forum speakers, from the website below.

A big thank you to all our presenters.

Download the presentations now from the EDA Website: www.eda.org.uk/news/uxbridge-forum-2022.

Access the latest product data sheets in branch

EDATA is the industry data pool where 50+ leading brands make product data available to wholesalers.

In a major development, wholesalers can download comprehensive data sheets featuring product images, marketing information and technical specifications (in the ETIM standard).



They can hand these sheets to contractor customers as part of the sales process. The data sheets will include the latest EDATA product information from the manufacturer.

A pilot programme is planned this autumn with EDATA wholesaler members. We'll keep you updated on progress.

EDATA improves experience for users of its information

Latest version includes an automatic website navigation structure, a more complete data set and manufacturer logos

EDATA, the data pool for the UK's electrotechnical sector, has released a technical update to improve the experience of both the creators of product information (manufacturers) and the consumers of product data (wholesalers and their contractor customers).

Highlights include:

Automatic three-tier website navigation structure. For wholesalers moving to an ecommerce offer, a navigational structure for each of the 50+ manufacturers using EDATA can be downloaded and pushed onto a website without any lengthy workaround.

A more complete data set. New fields to accommodate the Trade Tariff Commodity Code and the Country of Origin. For businesses in-

involved in MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) work, the United Nations Standard Products and Services Code® (UNSPSC®), the global classification of products and services, is also included.

Brand logos for the 50+ manufacturers that use EDATA. These can be downloaded in one go, or individually. For wholesalers that want to display a gallery on their website to demonstrate their stock range, it makes it much easier to manage and ensures you're displaying the latest logos.

Providing improved search results so contractors can find products on a wholesaler website. The most important technical attributes of a product, the ones that contractors are most likely to search for,

are now flagged, taking the guesswork out of building search routines and filters on a website.

Richard Appleton, Head of Digitalisation at the EDA, says: 'Making EDATA easier to use and more effective is central to its development. We have our own ideas for upgrades and improvements but it is really our customers – the 65 leading manufacturers and wholesalers using EDATA – that tell us which upgrades they would like to see first.

'Another batch of upgrades is scheduled for October 2022.'

If you would like more information, call the EDATA Team on 020 3141 7350.

IT'S GOLD FOR EIGHT MORE MANUFACTURERS

Product data is your silent sales team. Manufacturers' products are competing for attention in search engines and websites.

It means the information must be high quality – of the Gold Standard.

Since January 2022 a further eight manufacturers have product data in EDATA, the industry data pool, meeting the coveted Gold Standard.

This means a total of 21 leading brands achieving Gold, demonstrating their commitment to give wholesalers ease of access to high-quality, enriched product information to drive sales.

EDATA hosts manufacturer product data, making one version available to many wholesalers, saving manufacturers time, effort, and resources.



For details of the businesses that use EDATA to share rich product data with wholesalers, including those at Gold Standard, visit www.eda.org.uk/etim-edata/edata/

Are you in EDATA? Watch the videos, download the leaflet

For manufacturers keen to know more about EDATA, the industry data pool, and how it distributes high-quality product data and images to your wholesaler customers, new resources are available.

Visit www.eda.org.uk/etim-edata/edata/ to view videos explaining how EDATA works and the benefits to your business. And there is a leaflet to download. The EDA team is also available to help: 020 3141 7350.

EDATA newsflash!

Red Arrow Electrical Limited has become the latest Affiliated Manufacturer to join EDATA, the 'by the industry for the industry' data pool.

DIGITALISATION & PRODUCT DATA NEWS IN BRIEF



Workshops to help you meet the Gold Standard

Data work is detailed work, taking time and effort to get right. Help is here with our Going for Gold Workshops: practical, small-group sessions offering face-to-face training on:

- Why top-quality product data is important in the digital world
- Creating excellent product descriptions, images and technical data to help sell products

Going for Gold Workshops are designed for manufacturers but any EDA business can sign-up. Visit www.eda.org.uk/event/ for the latest dates/ locations, and to book a free place.

Register for the 4th EDA Digitalisation Forum, Thurs 1 December 2022, London

The must-attend event for all EDA businesses with a keen eye on the future and the changes that digitalisation, customer buying habits, and the huge appetite for product data, are bringing to the UK's electrotechnical sector. Join us for a full day of inspiring speakers, followed by a drinks reception and awards ceremony where we'll acknowledge the businesses that are making real progress in giving wholesalers access to high quality product data. Lunch and refreshments are included, and there is no cost to attend for EDA businesses. Visit www.eda.org.uk/event/ to register your place.

Creating the UK version of ETIM for Wiring Devices

ETIM 9.0 is due in November this year: currently, new ETIM releases are every two years. Many of the Requests for Change (RfCs) submitted by us this time were for Wiring Accessories, as these products are significantly different in our market than in the rest of Europe and ETIM needs to adapt. ETIM changes all the time and our work continues with other major product groups, reflecting new technologies and products. www.etim-uk.co.uk

Marshall-Tufflex stocks Basor metal and PVC cable tray

Marshall-Tufflex Ltd has extended its partnership with Basor Electric and now stocks the company's metal and PVC cable tray, joining its existing Basor wire basket range. As part of the agreement, Marshall-Tufflex is the exclusive UK distributor of Basor products.

The agreement with Basor gives professionals access to the entire Basor range in the UK. The trays, which enable simple routing and support for power and data cables, are ideal for commercial, industrial and public sector applications.

The metal cable tray is available in light, medium and heavy profiles and has a pre-galvanised finish. The product is 'Fast Fix' – allowing sections of tray to be simply interconnected and bolted together without separate couplers. The range also includes an adjustable riser.

The PVC cable tray range is ideally suited to harsh outdoor environments where a non-corrosive solution is required such as water treatment plants, chemical and mining facilities as well as for shorefront areas. Available in five sizes from 100 to 400mm wide, the PVC cable tray is



corrosion free, 100% recyclable, extremely light and easy to install.

Marshall-Tufflex can also supply any other Basor products, including those that are not part of the standard range.

www.marshall-tufflex.com

Reliably connecting solar power

With the drive for greener energy, solar power is a popular choice. Whether it's a large-scale solar farm or a residential installation, all these systems demand a reliable and secure method of connector technology to ensure the power they create is safely transferred.



Where reliability and compatibility matters, elmex photovoltaic (PV) connectors are a dependable solution, offering a range of designs to suit a variety of applications. **Kempston Controls** has long been a supporter of the green energy drive, and with elmex's range of connectors it is helping to promote safe and reliable solar installations.

The elmex range of solar panel connectivity solutions include photovoltaic straight connectors, photovoltaic panel mount connectors and photovoltaic branch connectors. All have NEC interlocks and meet IP67/68 ratings to provide a long-lasting and reliable connection regardless of application.

Kempston Controls not only has access to the full range of elmex products, it also has the scope to supply green energy applications with a wide selection of products.

www.kempstoncontrols.co.uk

Kidde embraces RF-enabled alarms



Kidde Safety Europe Ltd, the manufacturer of fire and life-safety products, has extended its range to include wireless radio frequency (RF) enabled alarm solutions.

The latest Cavius-branded products further enhance Kidde's portfolio of smoke, heat and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to offer greater flexibility and choice for residential system installations.

www.kidde.com/fire-safety/en/uk

Transforming the future of arc fault detection

Hager Ltd's newly launched arc fault detection device (AFDD) comes with advanced ProTools diagnostic software as standard.

It has two unique elements to guarantee that the installer has the tools to ensure AFDD installations perform well. Every Hager AFDD device



has advanced diagnostic software, ensuring unwanted or operational trips are quickly detected and easily identified. With the ability to identify eight statuses, once the Hager RCBO/AFDD or MCB/AFDD device has tripped, installers can quickly identify the cause at the push of a button.

The device's microprocessor runs a sophisticated algorithm, continuously checking the circuits for any indication of an arc fault.

With ProTools' *in situ* software upgrades, Hager can modify the algorithm to accommodate new product signatures, sending updates directly to installers' mobile devices.

<https://hager.link/Arc-Fault-Detection-Device-with-ProTools>

Latest Philips PacificLED gen5 waterproof luminaire

Signify (Philips Lighting) has launched the latest generation of the PacificLED gen5 waterproof luminaire, designed for the most demanding environments. It will withstand stresses such as humidity, extreme temperatures and chemical fumes. It can be integrated into the Interact wireless connected lighting system, and can even provide greater energy savings.

With a robust and compact product architecture, the luminaire offers high water and dust protection (IP66) and mechanical protection (IK08). The luminaires can manage potential stresses like humidity, high temperatures, sparks and chemical fumes ensuring industrial operations can be carried out safely. It also enhances safety and ensures high-quality lighting for public and private parking without compromising lighting quality or creating disturbing effects.

The luminaire ensures a sustainable lifetime be-



cause it is designed for the circular economy: recyclability, serviceability, energy efficiency, connectivity and upgradability.

The PacificLED portfolio is efficient 160lm/W and includes luminaires with a life up to 100,000 hours L80. Offering integration with Interact control systems, the luminaire provides energy saving, connectivity, productivity, and hassle-free installation and maintenance.

www.lighting.philips.co.uk

Professional tapes for P-touch label printers

The Brother Pro Tape range is designed for professional applications. It has been developed and tested by **Brother UK Ltd** to meet the needs of professionals who need dependable, durable, long-term identification solutions.

From self-laminating tape to strong adhesive tape with, on average, three times more strength on textured surfaces than Brother standard tape, the Pro Tape range includes the right tape to get the job done.

Brother has tested its laminated labels against the effects of water, chemicals, oil, heat, cold, sunlight and more. Brother Pro Tapes are reliable



for your customers' identification needs.

Pro Tape TZe tape cassettes are quick and easy to install and come in various label widths, colours and materials.

www.brother.co.uk/supplies/tapes-and-labels/pro-tapes

Next generation DALI-2 occupancy sensors



B.E.G. (UK) Ltd has launched a powerful new generation of DALI-2 occupancy sensors.

Following a detailed study and feedback from its many markets, the German manufacturer has updated its standalone DALI Compact detectors. These Generation Two devices are more powerful, DALI2 certified, with greater functions and flexibility. They are available in four standard colours – white, traffic white, gloss and matt black.

Programming is easy using the B.E.G. One app via a smartphone or tablet using the BLE-IR-Adapter. New 'logic functions' include improved dimming control, adjustable control dynamics and

a DALI line planner online – a tool for quickly and reliably determining the DALI participants.

Paul Jones, Sales Director UK & Ireland, said: 'End users who attach importance to occupancy sensors blending invisibly into the existing architecture can look forward to a super-flat occupancy detector with this range.'

'Also, we have a new modular system, and users can opt for an individual mounting set for surface or wall mounting. A cloud connection allows the exchange of information and collaboration between project teams.'

www.beg-luxomat.com

Leading Italian brand, Nobile, joins Collingwood

Nobile, a leading Italian name in premium LED luminaires, has joined **Collingwood Lighting**, transforming the group into a market-leading pan-European player. This news means more product choice for UK wholesalers, as the Nobile products complement the existing Collingwood lighting portfolio.

A market leader in LED, Nobile's products are positioned at the premium end of the market, and they have a strong reputation for excellent customer service, as well as strong research and development capabilities.

Hamdi Conger, Chairman of Collingwood, says: 'We are delighted to be joining forces with the Nobile team. Our business models, values and ambitions are aligned, and with this acquisition Collingwood achieves further international scale, providing access to new products for our existing customers.'

Speak to your Collingwood sales representative for more information.

www.collingwoodlighting.com



Better ventilation with iCONsmart

The government has updated the Building Regulations to improve indoor air quality.

The latest product from **Airflow Developments Limited**, the iCONsmart extractor fan, helps users meet the demands of the regulations.

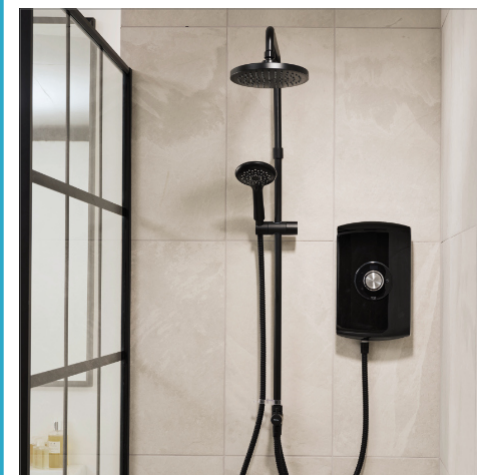
The iCONsmart has been certified by Quiet Mark and it has an energy-efficient motor that helps achieve fewer carbon emissions. Its next generation technology allows accurate data retrieval so users never over or under-ventilate a space, and it makes controlling ventilation in wet rooms – cloakrooms, en-suites, bathrooms, utility rooms and kitchens – easier.

The product has a built-in timer module and has Bluetooth so it can be paired with the fan in Airflow's 'MyAirflow' app. The app not only offers ease of setup and installation, but also puts all the ventilation power in your hands. On the app, users can set flow rates, timers, see usage data and lots more.

www.airflow.com

Every drop saved makes a difference

Triton Showers, proud to be known as 'The UK's shower company', has produced expertly engineered, innovative shower designs since 1975. It has been at the forefront of providing



customers with energy-efficient showering for over 45 years.

Triton showers are expertly designed and rigorously tested. That way, the company can provide reliable, enjoyable products that work perfectly every time.

With rising living costs and increasing demand for natural resources, every drop makes a difference when choosing energy-efficient water-heating appliances for the home.

Minimal impact on the environment lies at the heart of Triton's strategic vision and, working with the Carbon Trust, it has achieved carbon-neutral certification in 2022. The company is focusing on achieving carbon net-zero status by 2035.

www.tritonshowers.co.uk/sustainability



DIARY DATES FOR EDA MEMBERS AND AFFILIATES

Events are subject to change, so visit www.eda.org.uk for the latest details or call the EDA on 020 3141 7350.

Tuesday 25 October 2022 and Thursday 27 October 2022

Talking Shop Zoom Dialogue

Virtual event for EDA businesses. Guest speakers, economic news and forecasts, plus the latest EDA State of the Sector Survey results. Register at www.eda.org.uk

Wednesday 16 November 2022

Power It Up: EDA's Industry Insight Conference

An invitation-only inaugural business conference at the Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference Centre, 53 Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham B15 2RS

Thursday 1 December 2022

EDA Digitalisation Forum

At the America Square Conference Centre, London EC3N 2LB. Register at www.eda.org.uk

Tuesday 24 January 2023 and Thursday 26 January 2023

Talking Shop Zoom Dialogue

Virtual event for EDA businesses. Held quarterly in 2023:

- Tues 25 & Thurs 27 April
 - Tues 25 & Thurs 27 July
 - Tues 24 & Thurs 26 October
- Register at www.eda.org.uk

Thursday 9 March 2023

EDA Annual Awards Dinner

At the InterContinental Hotel, Park Lane, London

Thursday 11 May 2023

EDA Regional Business Forum Glasgow

Free for EDA wholesalers, manufacturers, solution providers and service providers. Register at www.eda.org.uk

Thursday 11 May 2023

EDA Scottish Section Sportsman's Dinner

Call Maeve O'Dea on 0117 909 9550

Thursday 6 July 2023

EDA Manufacturers' and Wholesalers' Summer Event

An invitation-only event. For more information, visit www.eda.org.uk

SECTOR NEWS

Supply chain council to tackle pressure on sector

The UK Electricity Products Supply Chain Council will facilitate cross-industry and government collaboration on inward investment

The UK Electricity Products Supply Chain Council was launched in early September. It is a platform for the supply chain of electrical equipment for electricity transmission and distribution networks, and the end-use energy products market.

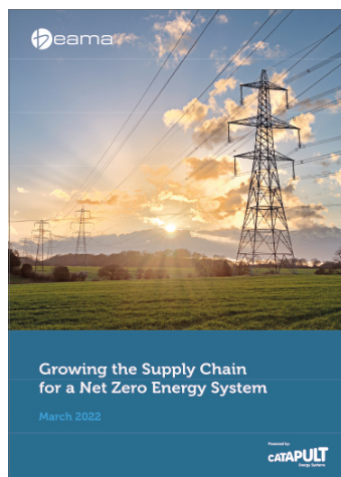
The Council is led by BEAMA, with members drawn from across the energy and contracting sector and support from the Government.

Collaboration

With manufacturing capacity for key products set to increase tenfold to meet demand for Net Zero delivery, the sector must collaborate and engage with the new leadership in government to open pipelines of investment and secure the timely and cost-effective supply of equipment into the market.

Manufactures of energy technologies are facing mounting pressure on the supply of raw materials and components. There has been a global shift in demand and supply of key technologies and associated materials that ensure a secure energy industry.

The Council will help tackle the immediate pressures on the supply of equipment, while looking to the future and how to ensure the



▲ Growing the Supply Chain for Net Zero: Evidence for the development of the council stemmed from work published by BEAMA and the Energy Systems Catapult earlier this year

longer-term investment needs of the supply chain.

Unprecedented

BEAMA CEO Dr Howard Porter said: 'This is an unprecedented era of change and with mounting pressures on the supply chain we need collaboration across industry and with Government. We will lead

Members of the Council

- BEAMA
- The Energy Industries Council
- Energy Networks Association (ENA)
- Energy UK
- Renewable UK
- British Standards Institute
- Energy Systems Catapult
- ECA (Electrical Contractors' Association)
- Department for International Trade
- Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy
- Electrical Distributors' Association (EDA)
- British Cables Association (BCA)

this council to ensure the resilience of the electricity equipment supply chain. The current energy crisis and geopolitical pressure placed on the supply chain should not hold back progress to meet our Net Zero targets... we should see this as an opportunity to invest in low-carbon tech industries.'

www.beama.org.uk

Mental health courses from EIC

Mental health stigma can be a silent killer.

The Electrical Industries Charity (EIC)

understands that those suffering in silence need support to take the first step in overcoming their mental health challenges.

EIC offers a range of programmes delivered by accredited trainers. The courses are available to industry members.

www.electricalcharity.org



From 1 January next year, UKCA marking will become mandatory in Great Britain for a number of product types that are currently CE marked. UKCA marking can also be applied today on a voluntary basis. This document for distributors, wholesalers and retailers offers guidance on a selection of topics related to the incoming requirement. Download the document from <https://tinyurl.com/UKCAchanges>