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Camfil has been shortlisted for two prestigious industry awards, Air Conditioning Product of the Year and Environmental Initiative of the Year, as the Heating & Ventilating News announces the shortlist for the 2011 awards. The awards are on course to provide another memorable evening of celebration for the HVAC sector, having seen a 50% increase in the number of nominations received. The judging panel members are selected for their long experience in all sectors of the industry, with several serving for many years and others present for each of the 17 years the event has been running.

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The UK's leading lock makers and door manufacturers, together with police security professionals and the insurance sector, have given a warm welcome to a planned new Kitemark scheme to accompany the new security standard for domestic lock cylinders. The TS 007 standard has been developed by the **Door & Hardware Federation** and the **Glass & Glazing Federation** with consultation and support from leading industry associations and from Secured by Design. It is designed to give assurance to householders that cylinders and protective furniture that carry the Kitemark to TS 007 will resist cylinder snapping, bumping and other forms of cylinder attack.

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Solar Gard announced this month the appointment of Peter Staelens as regional manager of EMEA (Europe, Middle-East and Africa). Staelens will be responsible for expanding Solar Gard's installer and partner network to meet growing demand across Europe for the company's leading range of architectural and automotive window films. In particular he will be focused on gaining market awareness for the company's line of carbon negative architectural solar control window films.

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All currently available series of **SOLON** modules are now accredited under the UK Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS). MCS accreditation is an important step in expanding SOLON's presence in the UK market. The MCS certificate verifies that SOLON solar modules and systems in the UK are eligible for feed-in tariffs. This requirement is intended to ensure that the installed solar power technology meets the highest quality stan-

dards. In addition to solar module testing, the certification procedure also includes an evaluation of the manufacturing processes, the materials and technology used in making the modules and the qualifications of employees. MCS accreditation underscores the premium quality of SOLON products.

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tCn – the Construction network – has won a construction industry award, being voted the sector's best community or networking site in the inaugural Be2Awards for achievements in social media in the built environment sector. Announced simultaneously live and online in London on Wednesday 9 February 2011, the Be2awards were organised by Paul Wilkinson and Martin Brown of social media advocacy move Be2camp, and attracted sponsors including Hewlett Packard, British Gas and Building Magazine.

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The **Timber Trade Federation** has welcomed new figures showing a boost in UK timber and panel product imports for 2010 – but urged caution against the industry reading too much into the rise. The newly released **Headline Totals** show marked increases of the value of UK softwood imports (up 27% from 2009 to £946m), UK hardwood imports (up 18% to £240m), hardwood plywood imports to the UK (up 29% to £278m), softwood plywood imports (up 13% to £105m) and particleboard and OSB imports (up 12% to £138m). The value of MDF imports remained virtually identical to 2009 at £155m.

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As the Welsh Labour Party gathers in Llandudno, one of Wales' most successful renewable energy businesses will be listening out for substantive commitment to enabling Wales to meet its environmental obligations at local and community levels. The **West Coast group of companies** is a key player in onshore wind developments and solar PV power and, in Atmos Consulting, it has one of the country's best respected environmental assessment and planning consultancies. It is estimated by the UN that between 50% - 80% of actions that need to be taken globally to combat climate change lie with subnational governments, such as the Welsh Assembly. "The post-election Assembly will need to ensure that all the practical support and resources are in place to enable its local officers to deliver on our national

obligations," said West Coast Energy Managing Director Rob Tate.

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On average, one building every minute will need to be refurbished between now and 2050 to meet the national targets for carbon emissions reduction. The **CIBSE** national conference, to be held on 7th April 2011 will focus on the refurbishment challenge being faced by the building services industry. "The CIBSE national conference will explore how this challenging target can be achieved and how the building services industry can provide the knowledge and skills necessary to make it possible," said Hywel Davies, CIBSE's technical director.

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Effective Specification Selling on 15 March is designed for those needing knowledge or a refresher course on the specification selling process.

Towards a Greener Industry: Can we rise to the Low Carbon Construction Challenge?

This takes place on 22 March. This year's annual Towards a Greener Industry talk will be given by Robin Nicholson, senior partner of Edward Cullinan Architects and Convenor of The Edge – a multi-disciplinary think tank for the built environment. Having been involved in many of the major professional initiatives to bring about a low carbon industry he is well placed to review the progress we have made in the past two decades. He will also examine the opportunities offered by Paul Morrell's Innovation and Growth Team report. "Consumption used to be a fatal condition" is his opening observation as we search for a cure to our modern consumptive ailment.

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There's plenty going on at The Building Centre, London in March, as you can see below. If you would like more information, visit our website or call us on 020 7692 6211.

Living Form Exhibition: the Transformable World of Chuck Hoberman

4 March - 30 April 2011

The Building Centre will host the first UK retrospective of the work of Chuck Hoberman. The works exhibited will be a collection of commissioned sculptures, prototypes, and inventions that reflect the transformation of Hoberman's thinking as a designer and inventor from 1990 to the present. The exhibition will be launched with an international conference entitled **Adaptive Architecture** on 3 and 4 March 2011.

Training

The Competitive Advantage training courses start at The Building Centre with **Construction Industry Overview** on 8 March. For those new to the industry this seminar sets out the main sectors, the trends and drivers for change that sales and marketing personnel will need to know. For those marketing and sales staff who have some experience of working in the industry the course acts as a checklist for issues which will need to be addressed in the marketing strategy.



Barrier against rising damp

Vandex International Limited is pleased to announce that Vandex received the BBA Certification for the **VANDEX IC** product. VANDEX IC is a water-based ready-to-use silane/siloxane microemulsion cream which provides a barrier against rising damp in walls.

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Insulated Dry Wall Applications

Dry lining application MF7 produced by Iso Trading has received BBA certification. The product is applied in conjunction with an appropriate internal lining board, below rafters in slated or tiled pitched roofs and on masonry walls of new and existing dwellings or buildings.

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The Perfect Alternative

Sandtoft Roof Tiles Ltd., has received BBA certification for **Koraflex Flashing System**. Koraflex is an aluminium roll, fully coated with a butyl adhesive backing for superior adhesion. This flashing system is for use as a flashing on side abutments and chimney applications on pitched roofs, as an alternative to lead.

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