

### **Concrete Society Awards BRMCA Excellence in Customer Service Award 2014**

The Winner is Lafarge Tarmac Readymix for Gatwick Airport, North Terminal IDL. Hanson Concrete 1 St Peter's Square and Hanson Concrete Dawlish Sea Wall were both Highly Commended projects. Further details available at [www.brmca.org.uk/news](http://www.brmca.org.uk/news) where there is also a link to the Concrete journal article.

### **British Concrete Standard (BS 8500)**

The drafts for public comment of the British Standard for Concrete, BS 8500 Parts 1 & 2, has been published. It is available for review and comment online via the BSI British Standards Draft Review system (DRS) as <http://drafts.bsigroup.com>. Registration is free and takes less than a minute. Once registered just enter 'Concrete' in the search box and both parts of the standard will be near the top of the list. In addition you may also like to send comments directly to Chris A Clear at [chris.clear@mineralproducts.org](mailto:chris.clear@mineralproducts.org) using the CEN standard template, available from <http://boss.cen.eu>

An article outlining the changes to the BS 8500 durability recommendations for concrete exposed to seawater entitled 'Rules for the waves' is available at [www.brmca.org.uk](http://www.brmca.org.uk) These changes are to align BS 8500 recommendations with that of the Maritime Standard BS 6349-1-4, but represent a significant change from current requirements.

### **Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC)**

Representatives from the MPA Working Group, together with Britpave, met with the Highways Agency technical representatives on 10 November 2014. It is agreed that further action is to participate in three Task Groups:

- TG1 Develop the design tools for RCC - Task led by the HA with input from MPA WG RCC
- TG2 Develop the specification including Notes for Guidance - Task led by Britpave with input from MPA WG RCC
- TG3 Develop best practice guide on production and installation of RCC - Task led by MPA WG RCC

The next meeting of MPA WG RCC is set for the end of February 2015.

### **BRMCA Management Committee**

Luke Smith of London Concrete has replaced Derek Casey on the BRMCA Management Committee. Derek Casey is a past Chairman of BRMCA as well as long term member and all are grateful for his extensive contributions to BRMCA and wish him the very best in his retirement.

Chris A Clear, 24 November 2014