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CARES SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTIONAL STEEL (SCS) SCHEME SUMMARY OF ACCREDITATION ASSESSMENT & SCHEME AUDITS IN 2017

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Summary of Accreditation Assessments

CARES hold the official UK accreditation status from The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) for the BS 8902:2009 Responsible sourcing sector certification schemes for construction products - Specification. The details of the CARES accreditation status can be found in the following UKAS website

http://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule_uploads/00011/00295/0002Product%20Certification.pdf

The last accreditation audit (Head office surveillance) was completed by UKAS assessor in 06 June 2017. UKAS assessor did not raise any mandatory finding or recommendation at the end of the audit. UKAS also conducted a witnessed assessment during CARES' audit at client's premises on 19.07.2017 and raised a mandatory finding and two recommendations. Root-cause analysis and respective corrective actions including revision of scheme documents were timely completed and submitted to UKAS; consequently, all were accepted and cleared.

Summary of 2017 SCS Scheme Audits

CARES completed all scheduled SCS scheme audits in 2017. The type of the audits is given in Table 1.

Table 1. Type and number of CARES SCS scheme certification audits in 2017

Type of Audit	Number of Audits
MS Manual Review	4
Stage 1	5
Stage 2	5
Surveillance	16
Follow-up	4
Re-assessment	15
Total number of Audits	49

Table 2. Summary of the NCRs raised by CARES Auditors in 2017



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Type and number of NCR		Note
Major	2	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and verified during organised follow up audits.
Minor	45	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and will be verified at the first CARES audits in 2018.

The majority of the NCRs were raised to improve the sustainability management systems and the operational controls of the certified organisations and the applicants in 2017.

The certified organisations showed an effective performance for environmental management systems and occupational health and safety management systems in 2017. The efforts to improve stakeholder engagement processes helped to demonstrate enhanced social performance of the organisations, as well as an increased transparency.

Additional Comments

CARES SCS Scheme incorporated with rosette rating system enables applicant companies to demonstrate their performance across the full range of sustainability aspects and to better differentiate themselves from their competitors. Beyond fulfilling mandatory requirements in all sections -Sustainability Management, Environment, Economic and Social-; voluntary performance score exceeding thresholds specified for each section is awarded with 1 to 3 CARES Rosettes, based on obtained credit score.

In year 2017, all certified companies were assessed for their SCS performance as shown in Table 1 and 2; as a result, 1 company achieved 2 and 3 companies achieved 1 CARES Rosette.

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