

## Newsletter 6 February 2009

### ***Moving forward***

We are developing a new visual identity for all things PCIS, which we will be gradually adopting over the next few weeks. As you can see this is reflected in the new style for this newsletter.

We have not yet finalised the style and layout, so please feel free to send comments to us at [ukpms@trl.co.uk](mailto:ukpms@trl.co.uk).

### ***Roads Board Advisory Group (RBAG) Postponed***

Due to the unexpectedly seasonal weather earlier in the month the first meeting of the RBAG has been POSTPONED to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Updated invitations have been sent out to the current attending members, who are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Watch out for a separate "Special Bulletin" which will be sent out regarding this.

As well as the attending members, the Roads Board has agreed that individuals and organisations may become "corresponding" members of the Advisory Group, who will receive copies of papers considered at the meetings and who may comment through regional representatives or directly to the secretariat. If you wish to become a "corresponding" member, please read Matthew Lugg's letter (<http://www.ukpms.com/news/Setting%20up%20new%20UK%20Roads%20Board%20Advisory%20Group1.pdf>) and send your details to [ukpms@trl.co.uk](mailto:ukpms@trl.co.uk).

### ***HAMFIG – Chairman Robert Biggs, Derbyshire***

A large part of the PCIS support contract involves liaison and cooperation with other groups and bodies interested in Asset management. One such body is HAMFIG [**H**ighways **A**sset **M**anagement **F**inancial **I**nformation **G**roup]. This is a National Group concerned with the financial aspect of highways asset management in England, Scotland and Wales. We asked Robert Biggs of Derbyshire County Council to write a few words for us outlining its aims and activities. These will be sent out in a separate "Special Bulletin".

## **Pavement Condition Management Group**

The PCMG met in London on 12<sup>th</sup> February for an update on the progress of the PCIS contract, and to agree the programme of work for the next few months.

We discussed:

- Making a Difference – an outline of the changes the PCIS contract has brought about already. These include:
  - Establishing PCMG and RBAG;
  - RBAG informing UK Roads Board groups;
  - Liaison with external groups and bodies;
  - Informative and regular newsletters;
  - PCIS branding;
  - Functional review project;
  - Specifications for further research;
  - New Inspector Accreditation process;
  - DCD Accreditation process;
  - Review of SCANNER Audit;
  - Liaison with FCMG on new footway survey;
  - New PCIS helpdesk;
- The Roads Board Advisory Group and liaison with other groups (see article about HAMFIG, below);
- Amendments to the visual survey manual and Data Capture Device software accreditation;
- The UKPMS annual health check and new requirements for 2009;
- Progress of SCANNER surveys , and plans to review TRL's performance of the SCANNER accreditation, QA and audit contract;
- The meaning of some of the new SCANNER measurements;
- Using SCANNER measurements to provide more detailed and practical information for highway engineers;
- Promoting more effective use of PCIS in local authorities.

Copies of the agenda and the slides presented and discussed at the meeting are on the UKPMS website

([http://www.ukpms.com/tech\\_docs/techdocsdynamic.asp?techdocsID=58](http://www.ukpms.com/tech_docs/techdocsdynamic.asp?techdocsID=58)).

## **Review of UKPMS core functionality**

We previously reported the commencement of this new project supporting the future of PCIS in Newsletter 4 (December 2008). Representatives from each of the UKPMS system developers came to TRL on the 15<sup>th</sup> January to meet with the project team and discuss the proposed approach to the review. At the meeting, we sought to identify the developer's view of the requirements for a revised core functional specification for "PMS for the UK", and the issues that might occur for them and their users in implementing it as a software development.

A workshop to identify the business needs, objectives and priorities of local authorities in the UK for pavement management systems, was held in London on 17<sup>th</sup> February, with 35 people representing local and national authorities and UKPMS developers. There were four sessions, covering:

- the project and our vision for the future of a PMS for the UK;
- the business needs – what local authorities require a PMS to do for them;
- what a good PMS should offer – what we expect a commercial system to do;
- what should be in the core specification – what has to be the same in all systems, and why.

Copies of the slides presented and discussed at the workshop are on the UKPMS website

([http://www.ukpms.com/tech\\_docs/techdocsdynamic.asp?techdocsID=57](http://www.ukpms.com/tech_docs/techdocsdynamic.asp?techdocsID=57) ).

There is also a summary of the project and a brief questionnaire

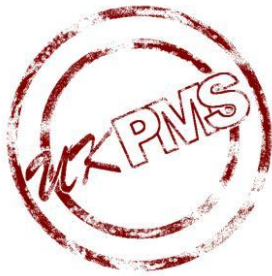
(<http://www.ukpms.com/news/news.asp> (December 2008 announcements)). We would welcome comments from anyone who has an interest in the future of UKPMS about what they want from UKPMS/PMS for the UK.

# Pavement Condition Information Systems

(Including support for UKPMS, Visual Surveys & SCANNER)



## UKPMS Annual Health Check



The Annual Health Check (AHC) of accredited UKPMS systems is intended to provide assurance that UKPMS systems continue to meet UKPMS requirements including the current rule set and national reporting.

The test package for the 2008 Annual Health Check for systems accredited to the UKPMS specification was released to the UKPMS developers in November 2008, and all five have successfully passed. A list of systems that

have passed the Annual Health Check can be found on the UKPMS website at [http://www.ukpms.com/tech\\_docs/techdocsdynamic.asp?techdocsID=56](http://www.ukpms.com/tech_docs/techdocsdynamic.asp?techdocsID=56).

**Users should note that the health check is performed on a specified version of each UKPMS system and ONLY that version will be accredited to produce the national performance indicators.**

**It is therefore important to check the version number shown on the performance indicator report against the list of currently accredited systems on the UKPMS website.**

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