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The Monthly Newsletter from the Offsite Specialists

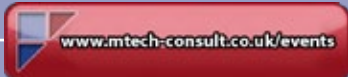
in brief...



We are eagerly looking forward to attending the Social Housing Exhibition in September, even more so since looking back at the work we have done for Housing Associations over the past 4 years it will be like meeting old friends.

In total we have completed in excess of 50 projects ranging from Offsite support on a pilot scheme through to the full implementation of their MMC strategy, but mostly retainer agreements to help Housing Associations become confident in using MMC technologies.

If you are intending to visit the exhibition please register early, it is always a most popular visitor attraction, just go to: www.mtech-consult.com/events and click the link to Social Housing Exhibition.



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The smarter way to find Offsite systems

Offsiteonline is a unique reference resource for the most up to date information on companies supplying quality offsite construction solutions into the UK market.

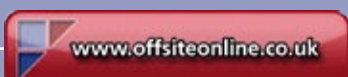
A few of the new subscribers we would like to welcome are:

Nu-Heat Under Floor Heating and Renewables featured as a full entry in Building Components

Cranetech Group Limited featured in Installation Services also joined Offsiteonline as a full entry

Danilith UK Limited in Volumetric Modular as a basic entry

When you need to know which offsite products to use in your construction project Offsiteonline is the expert at your finger tips.



Martin Goss was acting as an expert speaker at Greenbuild Expo on 26th and 27th May held at Manchester Central (formally GMEX).

Every year The Greenbuild Expo event is dedicated to promoting sustainability in the construction industry, this was no different, there was a full programme of seminars, workshops and discussions covering all aspects of sustainable building and refurbishment.

For an Mtech insider view, follow the link.



Myth Busting – You can only build a house using Offsite

Not true - you can add an extension to an existing property no matter what shape or size. Here is a fabulous extension to the top of a rather characterful house.



We are not local... we are global!

Now we often tell you about Bob and Martin's travels but our Head of Sustainability Robert Vandewinkel has also been on the move.

Robert was a constant traveller last year visiting Quebec to talk to the Quebec Government regarding sustainable homes and how they can improve their own methods of construction to be in line with the UK.



Robert was also commissioned by the Quebec Government to do some market research into routes to market and Timber Framed housing.

He also hosted a delegation from the Quebec Government at Ecobuild last March and also delivered a seminar on the UK Housing Market, the delegates were really impressed with the information Robert presented to them (and the show itself) it gave them a great insight into how they can develop their housing strategy for the future.

Robert is back on his travels again to Quebec on 7th June to deliver another seminar for the Quebec Government on the State of Housing and Timber Frame Homes – some people are just so lucky!

I will give you an update in next months Newsletter.

Funding News



If your company is based in Yorkshire and you are looking to diversify and develop your business then you may qualify for a grant towards our consultancy fees of up to 60%.

Here is a selection of grants that may be relevant to you with Mtech's help:

Proof of Market Grants – market for new technologies

Micro Development Grants – prototype development

Research Grants – innovative technology

Development Grants – pre-production prototype

As usual with grants you have to be classed as an SME which means you employ fewer than 250 personnel and you have an annual turnover of less than £43 million or indeed are not owned fully by a non SME

If you have a project that you think you might benefit from Mtech's help then just give Susie Bell a call on 01743 276041.

ISO9001/ ISO14001

You can improve your business by adopting a Quality Management System such as ISO9001 or ISO14001.

Seems like a bold statement but now the latest ISO9001 is available and specifically re-designed to work with you and your business.

Beginning the Quality Management System programme can be difficult, but with Mtech managing the whole process from start to finish you can be confident that you will be ready for assessment with as little disruption to your company as possible.

If you are thinking of supplying products or services to larger contractors or government bodies they will probably ask for proof of a quality system and you can increase your tender opportunity success rate by having a respected Quality Management System.

Your Quality Management System should be UCAS Approved – this route may not be the cheapest but definitely the most respected in the industry.

Sydney and Melbourne 16th – 25th July 2010

enviro
2010 
Conference & Exhibition
Solutions for a Sustainable Future



Bob Mears will be representing Mtech at Enviro 2010 in Melbourne 21st to 23rd July. Mtech will be exhibiting in conjunction with the UKTI, who have been invaluable in the help and support they have given Mtech.

Enviro 2010 is Australia's top environmental and sustainability exhibition showcasing the largest display of products and technologies that are available to Australian businesses and consumers and help them make informed decisions on sustainable developments.

Bob will also be visiting Sydney for 3 days to meet with potential clients and attend some formal events with the UKTI (he might be bringing out the kilt again!)

I will let you know later in the year how the event went.

Case Study - Mtech and Precision Houses Manufacturing

What was Mtech's Brief?

The client required Mtech to ensure that the housing design required and scope defines exactly what is required from PHM as they prepare their design/product offering to the UK affordable housing market...

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