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CPA Responds to Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety

The Construction Products Association has welcomed the publication of Dame Judith Hackitt's Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety. The CPA was very involved in the findings of the Review and were asked to Chair:

- Working Group 3: Regulations and Guidance

and also contribute to:

- Working Sub-Group 1 & 2: Golden Thread
- Working Group 6: Quality Assurance and Products.

Peter Caplehorn, Construction Products Association Deputy Chief Executive and Chair of the Review's Regulations and Guidance Working Group, said: "The Independent Review led by Dame Judith Hackitt has outlined the clear responsibilities necessary to ensure a disaster like this can never happen again.

"This is an important chance for the entire construction industry to show we are ready for an overhaul of how high-rise, high-risk buildings are designed and built, and ultimately how we are held to account. Any reforms which can provide greater clarity on how buildings meet safety requirements and the technical attributes of the products that go into them, are much needed. Furthermore, the recommendations' emphasis on creating a digital record of a construction project will go a long way to addressing the impact of product substitution and value engineering, quality of training and poor installations.

"The Construction Products Association fully supports the Review's recommendations and looks forward to continuing our work with government, our members and the construction industry to roll out the implementation programme."

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Construction Products Association were invited to contribute towards the Independent Review into Building Regulations and Fire Safety and were asked to Chair:

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The Construction Products Association has been asked by the [Department for Communities and Local Government](#) to join an 'Industry Response Group' alongside Build UK and the Construction Industry Council to help "mobilise and co-ordinate the construction industry's response to the challenges arising from the Grenfell Tower fire". The Group have been asked to provide a genuinely inclusive, cross-industry response, drawing in relevant expertise and data.

The Construction Products Association represents the UK's manufacturers and distributors of construction products and materials. We are committed to raising the profile of our industry and members' businesses, helping grow the market and reducing regulatory risk. The sector directly provides jobs for 300,000 people across 22,000 companies and has an annual turnover of more than £55 billion. The CPA is the leading voice to promote and campaign for this vital UK industry.

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