

Media Release

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The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) Go Green!

Last year Greenbuild EXPO made a successful debut at Manchester Central and May 2010 saw The Green Roof Organisation (GRO) make its first appearance. GRO, which is closely linked with Livingroofs.org, has existed for two years now and has brought together elements of the green roof industry to issue guidelines for Green Roofs. An interim version of these guidelines has been published on the NFRC website – www.nfrc.co.uk.

GRO is working closely with The Green Roof Centre- University of Sheffield to produce final guidelines – these will be issued in 2011. As part of the education of the industry, GRO exhibited at Manchester Central bringing together Trade Associations and Manufacturers. The stand was visited by a mix of those from the public and private sector, with local authorities, housing associations, architects, contractors, planners, engineers and consultants.

GRO is a partnership of industry and stakeholders coming together to develop guidance for specification, design, manufacturing, installation and maintenance of Green Roofs. It was formed as an independent body representing the industry Trade Associations and the key players in the Green Roof Market.

At the event The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC), joined by Single Ply Roofing Association (SPRA), Mastic Asphalt Council (MAC), Bauder Ltd, Alumasc Exterior Building Products Ltd, Icopal Ltd, Sika-Sarnafil Ltd, Flag-Soprema UK Ltd and Sky-Garden, spent two days at the exhibition and conference of sustainable building to promote and raise awareness of GRO.

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Notes to Editor:

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