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NFRC – A CENTRAL SOURCE OF ROOFING INFORMATION FOR ARCHITECTS

Central to the '*Think roofs – think NFRC*' campaign recently launched by the National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC), is a resource centre that offers architects and specifiers comprehensive guidance and advice on all matters relating to roofing.

As well as technical assistance, engagement and support, architects and specifiers have access to information covering all disciplines of roofing, as well as updates on the latest developments in standards and legislation covering schemes such as CompetentRoofer and Green Deal. Together with news on the NFRC's ongoing role in parliamentary lobbying and policing, architects and specifiers will also be able to source help and guidance on specific roofing disciplines.

Ray Horwood CBE, Chief Executive of NFRC explains: "The name of our campaign '*Think roofs – think NFRC*' says it all and is borne out of extensive research which shows that architects are largely unaware of the benefits that NFRC and its members can bring. As well as putting them in touch with contractors, designers and manufacturers, NFRC provides an overriding umbrella of knowledge and co-operation through the supply chain. Thanks to our resource centre, NFRC can become the first point of call for architects and specifiers when it comes to roofing.

"In a fast-changing construction environment, it's more important than ever that architects and specifiers keep abreast of developments within the roofing industry such as BIM supply chain and CompetentRoofer, and NFRC is the vehicle to make this happen."

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Ray continues: “For example, architects and specifiers need to be aware that CompetentRoofer is now an accredited body for Green Deal and ECO, which enables member companies to become Green Deal and ECO authorised in one simple procedure.”

This latest development in the CompetentRoofer scheme is in addition to members being able to self-certify that roofing refurbishment works are compliant with Building Regulations (in England and Wales), saving not only valuable time and money but also further reducing the risk on project management.

Ray Horwood CBE, continues: “Most architects are unaware that it is NFRC who operates CompetentRoofer as part of the Competent Person scheme, and it is yet another example of our ongoing drive to improve standards and professionalism within the roofing industry. Sustainability is a key issue for everyone, and this scheme offers enormous benefits for both architects, specifiers and roofing contractors.”

Currently representing over 70% of the roofing industry by value, NFRC strives to ensure that members from the roofing community, including contractors and manufacturers, are at the forefront of all roofing developments. The decision to widen its services to the architectural community is based on the ever-changing landscape of legislation for roofing and the pivotal role that architects and specifiers play in the design and specification of roofs and roofing materials.

Dating back over 120 years, NFRC today actively ensures that all members offer high standards of workmanship and sound business practice through a strict code of practice and vetting procedure, including site inspections and adhering to the Government endorsed TrustMark standards. The Federation also offers training services, technical advice, and represents member interests to the wider construction industry and Government.

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Pictured here; just some of the many technical bulletins available from NFRC covering a variety of roofing disciplines and technical know-how. Following the launch of the 'Think roofs – think NFRC', architects and specifiers will be able to access such information to help with the design and specification of roofs and roofing materials.

