Budget Planning For 2009
Helping UK Plastics Businesses Establish the Key Assumptions For Their 2009 Budgets

Wednesday
9th July 2008
Stoke Moat House
Stoke-on-Trent,
Festival Way
ST1 5BQ

Timed to coincide with the initiation of your Business plans and their underpinning Budgets for 2009, this Conference provides a guide to the key underlying assumptions to use and the potential factors which could affect your performance against budget.

Subjects covered will include:

♦ The UK economy in 2009
♦ Expected materials pricing, supply and hedging trends
♦ The challenges of future UK energy buying in 2009
♦ Trends in wage costs and pensions
♦ Plastics raw material outlook in 2009

The conference will assemble arm delegates with the information they require to prepare their budgets for 2009 and enable companies to plan for success.
09:45 Registration & Refreshments

10.00 Chairman’s Introduction

10.10 Current Status of the UK Economy and Future Trends
- UK Economy and its impact on the manufacturing industry
- Key indicators for the future
- Global pressures affecting economic performance
- Plastics Focus – A predication on industry trends
- An overall examination of risk

11.10 Tea & Coffee

11.25 Trends in Insurance Premiums
- Overall insurance outlook
- Trends in insurance costs for the plastics industry
- Cyclical trends in insurance

12.00 The challenges of UK energy buying
- Energy Prices and Trends
- Setting the budget and understanding strategies
- Implications for the energy buyer

12.30 Networking Lunch

13.30 Managing foreign exchange risk to protect the bottom line
- Future trends in the Euro and Dollar
- Choosing the right time to buy
- Risk management with foreign currencies
- Managing risk to protect the bottom line

14.00 Trends in Wage Cost and Pensions
- A look at wage rate movements
- How compensation packages are being shaped
- Developments in pensions and their future budgetary impact

Peter Davis, BPF
David Paul, Global Head of Petrochemicals & Plastics, Barclays
Mark Radburn, Managing Director, Willis Network
John Hall, Managing Director, John Hall Associates
Michael Low, Foreign Exchange Specialist, Moneycorp
TBC
14.30 **Plastics Raw Materials Outlook**
- Likely future trends in raw material prices
- Key Factors affecting supply and demand
- The emerging importance of the Middle East and Asia

15.00 **Plastics Futures: The Story Into 2009**
- An overview of hedging and risk management
- A review of the plastics futures market
- Future developments and contract enhancements

15.30 **Measuring The Cost and Value of Training**
- Budgeting for training needs
- The options for reducing the costs of training programmes
- A case study of continues professional development

16.00 **Close**

**Seminar Outline**

This conference is designed to help plastics businesses plan and budget effectively for 2009. It will examine existing and emerging drivers for plastics manufacturers and explore some of the potential pitfalls for 2009. The conference will analyse key aspects affecting budgeting for plastics businesses and ample time is made available for discussions and for the audience to network, share experience and exchange views on the range of assumptions which could be used.

The programme draws from the knowledge of a range of carefully assembled experts from blue chip companies such as Barclays and MoneyCorp and leading experts from organisations such as the London Metals Exchange and John Hall Associates. David Paul, Global Head of Petrol Chemicals and Plastics will be starting the day with an in-depth look into the current financial situation and offering predictions into likely future trends.

**Venue:**

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