

## **THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006**

The Committee met on 10 occasions with all meetings generally well attended.

The Committee is composed of the following institutions; the RIAI, the SCS, ACEI, EI and the CIF.

### **1. The Code of Practice for Tendering and Contractual Matters 2006.**

Advice on the administration of the RIAI "Articles of Agreement" was last published in 1994. A number of years ago the Liaison Committee decided it was time to update the advice notes and they proposed a clause by clause guidance which is a different format to the 1994 advice. The Committee were pleased to publish the new document called **The Code of Practice for Tendering and Contractual Matters 2006**, which is available in printed form from all the institutions.

### **2. Advisor on the Interpretation of Competition Law.**

The Committee consulted with Mr. Pat Massey of Compecon Ltd. on a number of aspects of the guidance notes for **The Code of Practice for Tendering and Contractual Matters 2006**, relating to competition law.

### **3. The Liaison Form of Building Contract.**

The Committee formed a new sub committee to continue the work of the Forum of the Construction Industry on what is provisionally described as a **The Liaison Form of Building Contract**. This committee comprises of chairman, Richard Mossop SCS, John O'Reilly RIAI, Gerry O'Sullivan SCS and Brendan Sheridan of the CIF.

### **4. Liaison Committee Website.**

It was agreed that a website would be commissioned to provide information of the workings of the Committee to a wider audience and to provide inter-related links to the institutions forming the committee. The website is a static site but will be updated regularly, as the committee expands its work.

### **5. Conciliation Sub Committee**

The work on the establishment of the sub committee continued from 2005. The sub committee is chaired by David Keane and also comprises Martin Laing of the CIF, Jim Doyle of the CIF and Gerry O'Sullivan of the SCS. The work for 2006 consisted of confirming the existing list of Conciliators and initiating a training programme. Terry O'Neill of ACEI/EI attends as an observer.

### **6. Percentage Additions and Plant Charges**

This work is nearing completion and it is anticipated that revised documents will be ready for publication very shortly. This will enable the updating on both the Percentage Additions booklet (last updated in 1988) and the Schedule of Plant Charges (last updated in 1976).

### **7. Insurance Clauses.**

Eoin O'Morain continued his work on updating advice on a number of aspects of the insurance clauses in the "Articles of Agreement", in particular clause 26 relating to existing structures. It is expected that guidance note will be published in early 2007 on insurance matters.

**8. Health and Safety Sub Committee.**

A new sub committee was formed to provide advice on the new Health and Safety Act and Regulations. The sub committee comprises of Niall Harrington SCS, Michael Moriarty ACEI/EI and Eoin O’Morain RIAI, together with a CIF representative.

**9. Secretariat**

The secretariat was again kindly maintained by the CIF and the assistance of Victoria Smith in preparing the minutes and agendas, arranging distribution, is acknowledged by the Chairman and the Committee, who wish to offer their thanks for her support during 2006.

**10. Conclusion**

A review of the working of the committee was carried out in 2006. It became clear that the work load, after the publication of The Code of Practice for Tendering and Contractual Matters 2006, would not diminish. The committee will now concentrate on the completion of the Liaison Form of Building Contract; the consolidation of a national list of conciliators, with training of members of the existing listing and new member; the resolution of advice on contract insurance; the maintenance of the new Liaison Committee web site and the revisions to Code of Practice for Tendering and Contractual Matters 2006, in respect of the procedures for Health and Safety requirements. Other important matters are likely to emerge in 2007.

During the year Ken Arlow and Eoin O’Morain retired from the committee and I wish to acknowledge the significant contributions that each made to the work of the Committee, both during my term of office and for many years previously.

John Egan has joined the committee and is very welcome.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their help and support during the year and I wish the new chairman Vincent Barrett every success in his work for 2007.

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Joe Miller, Chairman

**Outgoing Committee**

<b>CIF</b>	<b>RIAI</b>	<b>SCS</b>	<b>ACEI/EI</b>
John Doherty	Joe Miller	Richard Mossop	Terry O’Neill
William Hourie	Eoin O’Morain	Ken Cribbin	Vincent Barrett
Martin Lang	Jude O’Loughlin	Liam Boylan	Brian O Brian
Ken Arlow	Eugene Dunne	Gerry O’Sullivan	John Egan