



Beckett Selects

DTI Ministers' posts announced

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade recently announced her team at the DTI.

Rt. Hon Margaret Beckett MP
Overall responsibility for DTI and ECGD. Special responsibility for competitiveness, science and technology.

Lord Clinton-Davies
Minister for trade. Export promotion and export control

John Battle MP
Minister of State. Manufacturing and services, science and technology, including telecomms, energy and environment.

Ian McCartney MP
Minister of state. Labour market, company law, corporate governance, inward investment and the Post Office

Nigel Griffiths MP
Parliamentary under secretary. Competition, consumer affairs, investigations supporting John Battle on environment.

Barbara Roche MP
Parliamentary under secretary. Small firms, regional policy trade and export matters in the commons.

Cooke's video vision

The new Foreign Secretary Mr. Robin Cooke announced his vision for Britain's Foreign Policy will be issued to every consulate and embassy on a video to be produced by David Puttnam.

The key points will be:

- To make Britain a leading player in Europe rather than a "noises off" heckler
- To make trade and economic cooperation the chief concern of embassies so they understand that their first interest is British jobs and exports
- To place human rights and environment at the centre of European policy
- To integrate foreign policy into domestic debate.

Beckett backs up British business

The right Hon Margaret Beckett, promised her support for British business at home and abroad recently. In an open letter to all sectors of the business community the President of the Board of Trade claimed that she wanted to build a "real partnership with every part of industry"

Citing the extensive consultation that the Labour party had undertaken with the business community Beckett said that the Government would work closely with Britain's entrepreneurs to make British Industry amongst the best in the world in the 21st Century.

Exports are to be given particular consideration with the intention of expanding the numbers of both small and large exporters and red tape is to be cut in a search for simple helpful and fair regulations.

The letter finished on a high note. " Britain is the best place to do business and the best base to do business from internationally"

Rolls Royce on track.

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currently under construction on the neighbouring site, to the country's main grid system. It is expected to increase the reliability of the electrical power supply to Riyadh and crucially, will provide more energy for industrial development.

In November of last year Crown Prince Abdullah, Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard laid a foundation stone for the power complex during a moving inauguration ceremony.

The 150 metre long substation comprises 30 bays of 380kV GIS, 132kV switchgear, two 350MVA transformers from RR subsidiary Peebles Electric and two 150 MVar thyristor controlled reactors.

The first stage of 16 bays of 380kV GIS and associated control and protection equipment, was completed in a record 20 months in readiness for the start of the peak summer period.

This is the fourth substation of its type to be constructed by Reyrolle Projects for SCECO Central since 1987. This experience combined with exceptional support from the customer has enabled the development to progress at such a rapid pace.

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