

RGBB Internet Update

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4. Special Interest Group(SIG) Pages. Each RGBB SIG will have its own web pages within the site, and these will feature contact details for each of the SIG's and can be used by the SIG's in line with the wishes of their respective members.
5. Other British Business Groups in the Gulf. There will be a page listing the contact details of all of the other British Business Groups (BBGs) in the Gulf. Where they have their own web sites, we will provide links to their sites. As other BBGs develop their own web sites, it is hoped that they will reciprocate and that this will lead to additional visitors for all of the BBGs.
6. Feedback: We hope that the web site will generate responses and visitors to the web site can either fill in an electronic enquiry form or send an e-mail. All responses from the web site will be handled by Ian Maddison who can be found in Cyberspace at imaddison@yahoo.com Alongside

the development of the RGBB web site there will also be a unified web site for the three BBGs in Saudi Arabia, which it is hoped will be part of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) web site. This web site will act as a bridge from which you can link to the sites of the individual BBGs as they are developed. A meeting of representatives from Riyadh, Jeddah and Eastern province met on 7th March and it was decided that initially the unified web site should consist of the following elements.

1. An introduction page, explaining the ways in which the BBGs in Saudi Arabia can help UK Companies.
2. Business information on Saudi Arabia which would attempt to sell the Saudi marketplace to UK companies.
3. A one page executive summary of each of the regions.

It is hoped that the Unified BBGs' web site will be available on the web in June 1998.

Promising start for new SIGs

Special Interest Groups: news update by John Jackson

Commit SIG

On Tuesday 17th March the inaugural meeting, under the Chairmanship of BDSC Chairman, John Jackson, and attended by the RGBB Chairman, John Freel plus 23 other members was held at Venue 1 to formally established this new SIG to cover the IT & Telecomms Sectors.

A Committee was elected as follows:-

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Mick Brown,</i>
<i>Tel: 476-0105</i>	<i>Fax: 477-4021</i>
<i>BDSC Representative.</i>	<i>Ian Maddison</i>
<i>Tel: 465-1869</i>	<i>Fax: 462-8762</i>
<i>Secretary.</i>	<i>David Brown,</i>
<i>Tel: 476-0105</i>	<i>Fax: 477-4021</i>

Following the election, and with Mick Brown in the Chair, a lively discussion took place that identified specific areas of the industry in which the members are particularly interested and which the Committee noted to include in their future programme.

A meeting of the Group was held in April.

FMCG SIG

On Sunday 15th March the inaugural meeting, under the Chairmanship of BDSC Chairman, John Jackson, and attended by the RGBB Chairman, John Freel plus 27 other members was held to formally established this new SIG, covering Retailing, Wholesaling, Distribution and Manufacturing.

A Committee was elected as follows:-

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>James Tilcock,</i>
<i>Tel & Fax 473-1538</i>	
<i>BDSC Representative</i>	<i>David Riley,</i>
<i>Tel: 498-0000/498-1234</i>	<i>Fax: 498-2064</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Mohammed</i>
	<i>Ishtiaq,</i>
<i>Tel: 491-4624 x 246</i>	<i>Fax: 491-0828</i>

Once the formalities were completed, a general discussion took place under the Chairmanship of Jim Tilcock from which a future programme will be developed and advised to members.