

Since my last contribution to our news letter, we have seen many changes in the Business Development Committee (BDC) and I would like to begin by thanking those who have since left us for their tremendous contribution to the Special Interest Group's (SIG's), the BDC, and the RGBB overall, in particular John Crouch whom you all know was Chairman of the Oil & Gas SIG for a considerable period of time.

Secondly I would like to welcome the newcomers to the BDC, some of whom have only recently joined the RGBB and have immediately got involved with the SIG's taking up the challenge of Chairman or Deputy Chairman. The newcomers are as follows - Spence Hawthorn is Chairman of the HR SIG and Terry Lavin is Deputy Chairman; Charles Wink is Deputy Chairman of the Security & Safety SIG; Paul Brown, having recently returned to the Kingdom, takes up his previous position as Chairman of the Commit SIG; Mike Vertigans takes up the position of Deputy Chairman of Oil & Gas SIG with Tom Welsh at the helm as Chairman taking over from John Crouch. In addition we have seen our first female members, four at the time of writing, join the RGBB, and I hope they will soon become involved with our SIG's. As said, many changes

have taken place all of which can only strengthen the commitment of the BDC as a working forum and the RGBB as a whole.

The British Embassy Commercial Section have, as always, been extremely pro-active with both inward trade missions to the UK and outward trade missions to Saudi Arabia displaying a wide and varied range of products and services, it is encouraging to see companies visit Saudi Arabia once again with a view of doing business in country, long may it continue and I thank The British Embassy for their efforts in this regard and interaction with the BDC and RGBB.

As said in previous news letters, the SIG's and BDC play a significant role within the RGBB and we are constantly trying to encourage RGBB members to "get involved" with one or more of our SIG's. Contact details for each of the SIG's can be found on page three of this magazine, alternatively you can contact the RGBB Secretary for more information. Remember you do not have to be directly employed within a particular industry sector to join any of the SIG's ...

Are **you** prepared to do more for the RGBB?

BDC NOTES



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With security still very high on the Agenda for all of us, it would seem opportune to repeat the advice given in a previous edition of the RGBB News following a presentation by Gordon Blackwood and Alan Thornton at an RGBB Briefing last year.

Security and safety is the responsibility of everyone, whether you are the CEO of a major corporation or the tea boy, we all have a duty to ourselves, our families and colleagues to improve, or in some cases provide, levels of Security and Safety.

The following is a shortlist of some of the points you may wish to consider or discuss with your colleagues:

Guidelines for Personal Security

Do not establish a pattern of personal behaviour that would enable your future movements to be predicted. i.e. Do not use the same ATM, Supermarket, route to work at the same time every day/week.

Do carry a mobile phone that would enable you to contact emergency numbers such as Police 999, Traffic Accident 997, Embassy Duty Officer 0505 499 640, Company representative etc.

Dress sensibly in a manner that does not attract specific attention or cause offence to others

Whenever possible travel in groups of two or more.

When travelling in a vehicle.

If you think you are being followed, drive to the nearest Police Station, Compound or the DQ.

If possible try to take a note of the vehicle registration (- See opposite for Arabic Characters.)
Note also the vehicle type, manufacture & colour.

If you are directly threatened, remain calm and make sure that all doors & windows are secure. Switch on headlights, hazard warning lights and sound the horn to attract attention. If you are able to drive away, try not to exceed the speed limit and/or drive erratically which could result in an accident.

Be aware of other road users generally and try not to get boxed in at traffic lights or road junctions.

Guidelines for safer parking

Always lock the car, even if you are only away from it for a few minutes.

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