

# BDC NOTES



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With the summer break well and truly over, and as the newly appointed Chairman of the Business Development Committee (BDC), I would take this opportunity to wish you all a sincere and warm welcome back. I would also like say a special thank you to Graham Turner the previous Chairman for his outstanding contribution to the BDC and the RGBB as a whole.

As has been said previously, the primary objective of the Business Development Committee is to promote UK plc, and it is therefore essential that we, the BDC, remain in constant liaison with all of the staff in the Commercial section at the British Embassy, keeping us informed of planned Trade Missions and special visitors to the Kingdom. As many of you are aware, we are fortunate to have the relevant Embassy Commercial Officer assigned to an appropriate Special Interest Group (SIG) and I am certain we all recognize the benefits of this. "Thank you" to all in the Commercial section.

On a practical level, the BDC can be seen as a mechanism to disseminate information and opportunities to our SIG's on anything from major projects to companies looking to promote their products and or services in the Kingdom. The evaluation of any opportunity through the BDC or

SIG can perhaps guide any company wishing to do business to the right partner. More about this as the information becomes available.

Throughout the summer month's the BDC and SIG's have remained relatively active, and as such, I am delighted to inform you that we now have all position's, Chairman and Deputy Chairman, filled. Full contact details for all our volunteers are included on page 2

By definition the Special Interest Group's are there for any RGBB member to become involved and I would encourage anyone wishing to find out more about the activities of any or all of the SIG's to contact either myself, an RGBB Board Member, or indeed any of the BDC. Remember, you do not have to be directly employed within the industry to which the SIG relates in order to join that SIG, and you can of course become involved in more than one SIG.

In closing, I would remind everyone that what we do in the SIG's, BDC and RGBB is voluntary, and the efforts of a few has been to the benefit of many. Therefore, my message to all is, "Get Involved" we need your input and support."

Regards  
Gordon



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