

# BDC NOTES



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To remind you all, the Business Development Committee is made up from representatives of the individual Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The BDC should meet at regular intervals to discuss activities and developments affecting the respective business fields and climates. However, as we are not yet back to our full complement of SIGs, there have only a few meetings in recent months. A summary of the salient information is passed back to the membership via the main board through this Newsletter or at the bi-monthly Briefings.

Since the Last RGBB Newsletter, there have been few but significant developments regarding the SIGs and these are as follows:-

### Financial Services

There was a meeting of the Financial Services SIG on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, which was attended by about 11 members, including some from the Main Board. Simon Blackledge took the chair and Paul Raddon was elected as the deputy.

There were the usual introductions for members and a clear interface between the SIG and the Embassy Commercial Department was firmly established.

The group is now re-established to act a viable medium to report back the general membership on matters such as project financing, taxation, insurances and banking in general.

### Security and Safety

A meeting of the SIG was held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Chaired by Charles Wink with Jim Mann elected as deputy. The meeting was attended by 4

members with apologies from another 3.

The group discussed and agreed on some valuable notes on the aims and objectives of the SIG, presented by Jim Mann.

The group sees itself a valuable tool to the benefit of the RGBB membership and for the promotion of UK products and services. There is also a further benefit envisaged, whereby members can assist visiting Trade Missions as well as companies established in the Kingdom.

Charles Wink will be departing the Kingdom on 19 December but Jim Mann will be carrying on as the new chair.

### Health and Safety

This SIG is now getting back off the ground, chaired by Philipa Kirkpatrick. See Philipa's notes elsewhere in this publication

### Oil Gas Petrochemicals Power & Water.

The September briefing, addressed by Mutlaq Al Morished, VP Finance SABIC, was a huge success and has set the scene for other such events.

The RGBB External Affairs representative, Nigel Astbury, has arranged for a special briefing on 17 December, 2005, whereby the membership will be addressed by Mohammad Al Tuwaijiri, Head of Treasury & Chief Dealer at SABB.

Those of you out there still not attached to a SIG, please come and join us. The respective SIGs enjoy a social side to enhance the actual business aspects.



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