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NASH was hosted to Bahrain in January for discussions with the Ministry of Housing about Steel Framed Housing and to make a presentation at the launch of the International Smart Building Centre.

The invitation came from the Ministry after hearing about the good work that we are collectively doing here in NZ.

Bahrain has a population of just under one million and the housing dilemma is one of the most pressing problems facing the Kingdom. After a Royal directive to resolve the problem the Ministry of Housing has chosen to employ newer time and cost saving technology by changing from their traditional construction techniques to the smart building method that demonstrates the following attributes:

NASH PARTICIPATES IN THE LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL SMART BUILDING CENTRE IN BAHRAIN

- The use of Eco friendly materials that does not pose a threat to the health of citizens
- Durability of up to 90 years
- Resistant to earthquakes and cyclones
- Insulation from Sound Heat and Moisture
- Speed of construction
- Reduces construction costs.

Two model units have been built using this technology out of Steel Framed Construction (See picture).

Added to this an International Smart Building Centre has been established and will re-define models of building construction in developing countries integrating with their economic systems and sustainable environmental standards.

The opening of the Centre on the 28th Jan was a grand affair taking up much of the ballroom of a major hotel in Bahrain.

Ministers, Diplomats, overseas dignitaries, Bahrainian TV and other media were present throughout the event with H.E Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Housing providing the opening address. The Minister was followed by an address by H.E Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

The NASH presentation portrayed the work of our Association, the benefits of Steel Framed Construction in NZ and around the world and outlined our strategic focus for the future. The presentation was very warmly received and the visit has left numerous opportunities for engagement for many of our member companies. The relationship is ongoing.

Dr Stephen Hicks, NASH Board Member and Carl Davies, NASH General Manager with His Excellency Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Housing.



NASH SIGNS STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE CERTIFIED BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND

This year for the first time, NASH was invited to enter into a Strategic Partnership agreement with Certified Builders. This agreement represents a major step forward in the acceptance of Steel Framing as a viable alternative building material. It also means working more closely together with the Association and participating in their Continuous Professional Development (CPD) activities and conferences.



In the picture is Carl Davies General Manager, NASH and Derek Baxter CEO of CBANZ after signing the Strategic Partnership agreement



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

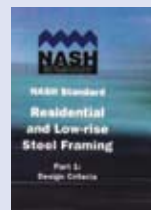
Certified Builders Association (CBANZ) welcomes NASH to our strategic partnership program says CEO Derek Baxter. CBANZ says Baxter is committed to creating relationships with the supply to chain to educate our builders in the latest innovations in the industry. For many builders steel construction is 'habit breaking' and while they have spent many years honing their craft with timber, this relationship will teach the new tips and techniques required.

Since all CBANZ members are trade qualified, some will have encountered steel framing in office partitioning, or as an optional module on a long forgotten block course. The program also links with DBH and the licensing requirements of ongoing professional development. CBANZ members will gain points for attending the meetings, seminars and reading the articles that will be published.

The key benefit of the program is to give the builders "beyond the brochure" information and therefore help the select and use products with the confidence that today's clients demand.

COMMENT FOR THE FIRST NASH STANDARD CLOSES

The Standards Committee of NASH has developed the NZ NASH Standard for Residential and Low Rise Steel Framing, Part 1 : Design Criteria and offered the draft document for comment to interested parties. This Standard is the first part of a series of Industry Standards related to Residential Steel Framing. Invitations to comment were posted on the NASH website in November last year and via the Department of Building and Housing (DBH) website. The invitation to comment closed on 5th February 2010 and the Standards Committee will be reviewing the feedback received at their meeting on the 24th February.



PROPOSED NASH CONFERENCE

Traditionally, NASH arranges a get together of its members and other interested parties during the Bi-Annual Metals Industry Conference. As the next Metals Conference has now been delayed until February 2011 it is thought that there might be an opportunity to arrange a two-day conference for our members and others in April this year.

We can use the occasion to:

- Launch our brand new 160 plus page Handbook on the Design of Residential and Low-rise Steel Framing
- Discuss our brand new NASH Standard on Residential and Low-Rise Steel Framing: Part 1 – DESIGN CRITERIA
- Strategise for 2010 and beyond.
- Have our AGM
- Participate in a session by Greg Hancock from Australia – one of the world-leading experts on Light Steel Framing
- Invite other VIPs to engage with us to assist us in thought generation on ways to increase market share and to mobilise our Industry.

Please give me your thoughts on this and any views you have on a central location. To assist in the planning, please get your thoughts to me no later than 25th February.

NASH HANDBOOK TO BE LAUNCHED AT THE AGM IN APRIL

The NASH Standards committee have recently completed the development of a Handbook on the Design of Residential and Low rise Steel Framing and will use the occasion to launch the publication. The handbook covers the following:

<i>Introduction to steel framing</i>	<i>Connectors</i>
<i>Roof systems</i>	<i>Testing</i>
<i>Wall systems</i>	<i>Durability</i>
<i>Floor and subfloor systems</i>	<i>Fabrication and construction practice</i>
<i>Bracing systems</i>	<i>Additional considerations</i>

Copies will be available for sale after the AGM

