

Executive Summary

During the April 2015 to March 2016 period the BES 6001 standard settled with the publication of version 3 in May 2014. In January the intention to create a version 3.1 was announced with a view to publication in September 2016. There had been much input into the BREEAM Mat03 consultation and at the time of writing the final assessments were due to become public.

New agreements were developed with BES 6001 Licensees which will greatly benefit not only the Licensees (with additional support from BRE Global) but clients as well, through a wider offering of auditing bodies to choose from.

Meanwhile, whilst these changes were underway, the day to day provision of certification services to clients continued to grow apace with new clients in new sectors and new geographic areas completing their audits and securing BES 6001 certification; thus guaranteeing their market differentiation from their competitors amongst other benefits.

1. Background

This report covers the period April 2015 to March 2016. BRE Global's BES 6001 *Framework Standard for Responsible Sourcing* and the sister sector scheme *Eco-Reinforcement* (for the reinforcing steel sector) have been in operation for a period of seven years. Issue 3 of the BES 6001 standard was published in May 2014 after which there was a transition period for organisations to be reassessed under Issue 3.

2. Certifications

During 2015/16 a total of 21 new certifications were completed by BRE Global and the four sub-licensees of the scheme. Table 1 (overleaf) indicates the sectoral spread of these new certificates.

Products from two new sectors (Paints and HVAC systems) were certified whilst previously active sectors (Plasterboard, structural steel products, roof tiles and drainage systems) saw no new certifications. The waterproofing concrete admixtures sector was combined with the cement sector into the new '*Cementitious mortars and additives*' sector, in order to better align the two product groups.

The highest number of certifications was tied between the block, reinforcing steel, and steel product sectors at three each.

As noted in the 2014/2015 report there has been continued interest from non-UK based companies; with a number of the certificates issued to those from outside the UK.

Table 1 – New Certificates by Sector in 2015/16

Product Type	No.	Product Type	No.
Plastic products	2	Structural steel products	0
Blocks	3	Roof tiles	0
Plasterboard	0	Cementitious Mortars and additives	1
Aggregates, sand, gravel, asphalt and ready mixed concrete	1	Precast concrete, concrete products	2
Reinforcing steel	3	Insulation products	2
Stone	0	Glass	1
Composite Sandwich Panels	0	Steel/Iron products	3
Clay Products	1	Drainage Systems	0
HVAC Systems (new)	1	Paints (new)	1

(NB all certificate holders are online at www.greenbooklive.com/search/scheme.jsp?id=153)

At year end the total number of valid certificates stood at 115 certificates across 83 companies (some companies have multiple certifications).

All certified companies continue to retain their certification with the exception of one company that did not migrate from version 2 of the scheme to version 3. There continue to be a small number of industry re-organisations which have resulted in some certificate amendments (renaming, re-allocation of sites between organisations etc).

3. Licensees

The three BES 6001 Licensees (BSI, Lucideon and QSRMC) have all contributed to the continued development of the Standard. During the year BSI, Lucideon and QSRMC each contributed 3 new certificates each, BRE Global delivered 12. Licensees also continued to play a full part in the stakeholder consultation activity supporting the scheme development to version 3.1.

Intertek re-engaged with BES 6001 early in 2016 and in March 2016 CARES joined to become the fifth licensee to BES 6001. There are a number of ongoing discussions with other certification bodies to extend the reach of BES 6001 globally.

4. Scheme Review

During the 15/16 reporting period the scheme was not reviewed as many organisations were in the process of re-certification to version 3. The process to migrate to version 3.1 started formally with a stakeholder workshop on 13th May 2016. A review of the revision to version 3.1 will be included as part of the report in the next period.

5. Scheme Performance

A new review of Scheme performance was undertaken for this Annual Report. In this review the pass level of all certificates, by sector (as defined in Section 2 above) were analysed. Table 2 has been prepared for the whole sample. The sample size was all 115 certificates (where all necessary data was available). The table is presented below:

Table 2 – Table showing the pass level percentage of product certifications

Product	Pass level percentage (%)			
	Pass	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Plastic products	43	-	57	-
Blocks	-	-	86	14
Plasterboard	-	-	33	67
Aggregates, sand, gravel, asphalt and ready mixed concrete	10	5	81	5
Reinforcing steel	-	50	50	-
Stone	-	33	67	-
Composite sandwich panels	-	100	-	-
Structural steel products	-	50	50	-
Roof tiles	-	50	-	50
Cementitious mortars and admixtures	14	19	48	19
Pre-cast concrete, concrete products	8	17	67	8
Insulation products	33	33	-	33
Glass	-	-	100	-
Steel Products	-	62	31	8
Clay Products	17	50	33	-
Drainage systems	-	-	100	-
Paints (new)	-	-	100	-
HVAC Systems (new)	-	-	100	-
Total	10	23	57	10

6. Scheme Development

Two aspects of development review will take place in 2016 which are:

1. An evolution of the scheme in light of current and emerging regulation/good practise
2. A longer term strategy of how continual improvement can be integrated

7. Forward Look

The outlook for BES 6001 is positive. Certifications with Issue 3 have been growing gradually with international and local interest. The clarity that version 3.1 will bring to the language of the standard will only further expand the reach and potential of BES 6001. BRE Global has also started to develop an Ethical Labour Sourcing standard which is different both in terms of scope and methodology. The Apres network is now also run by BRE and will allow for wider stakeholder engagement on the topic of responsible and ethical sourcing.

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