

**Producer members**

Producers offer mainland UK coverage unless otherwise stated

**Breedon Aggregates 01332 694000**  
www.breedonaggregates.com

**CEMEX UK Materials Ltd 01932 568833**  
www.cemex.co.uk

**Cornish Lime Company 01208 79779**  
www.cornishlime.co.uk

**CPI Mortars Ltd 0845 850 9090**  
www.euromix.com

**Hugh King & Co 01294 557515**  
www.hughking.co.uk

**John Carr (Liverpool) Ltd 0151 2070067**  
(Liverpool)

**Marshall Watts Mix 01262 675383**  
www.wattsmix.com

**Premier Mortars 0345 3013030**  
www.marshalls.co.uk/premiermortars

**RTU 02890 851441**  
www.rtu.co.uk (Belfast)

**Remix Dry Mortar Ltd 01329 231200**  
www.remixdrymortar.co.uk

**Tarmac 03701 116 116**  
www.tarmac.com

## A font of mortar wisdom

The when, why and how of choosing and using mortar are now well covered on the MIA's website, [www.mortar.org.uk](http://www.mortar.org.uk) as the association's series of data sheets near completion in terms of updates.

The website draws a consistently high number of visitors including a percentage from around the world. Main areas of interest include guidance on which mortars to use for a project, closely followed by requests for technical information.

The website now holds amongst its technical information data sheets and learning texts.

All 23 technical data sheets are available to download, both in colour and black and white. Subjects range from types and uses of mortar to technical references and the use of pigments and lime.

Learning texts are designed to help a wide range of construction industry personnel from apprentices through to seasoned specifiers and are available to download in 13 parts. Contents ranges from an introduction to mortar, to properties of masonry mortar and from production to quality assurance.

Design of the website is product led with the home page leading immediately to sections covering mortars, renders, screeds and technical information. Association and product news trailers also appear on the home page.

The site also has a comprehensive guide to MIA producer and associate members as well as to the administrative head office.

But the best way to understand and benefit what is available is to look yourself – go to [www.mortar.org.uk](http://www.mortar.org.uk)

### Modern Masonry: Housing Insights 2015

20 October 2015

IET, Austin Court, Birmingham, B1 2NP

An event organised by British Precast and the Modern Masonry Alliance during which attendees will hear from key industry figures, as they provide insight into the housing market, regulation and performance, as well as encouraging debate on the key considerations in delivering high performance housing.

Attendance is free although registration prior to the event is required.

More information and registration: [amy.potter@britishprecast.org](mailto:amy.potter@britishprecast.org)

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**MORTARS**  
Factory-produced mortars play an essential role in today's building and construction industries, providing as they do, the essential glue principally for block and brickwork. [More →](#)

**RENDERS**  
Factory-produced cementitious renders provide an attractive, durable finish to brick or block built walls. [More →](#)

**SCREEDS**  
Levelling screeds are high quality products designed for internal flooring applications from modest house extensions and self builds to major commercial, residential, education and healthcare developments. [More →](#)

**TECHNICAL INFORMATION**  
The MIA provides a wide range of information on the design, production and use of mortars, screeds and renders. [More →](#)

**Welcome to the mia**  
Almost 80 per cent of mortars used in the UK today come from factory-produced sources as opposed to being mixed on site. Their use reflects the ever-increasing demands for quality building products in the development of our built environment.

The Mortar Industry Association (MIA) is part of the Mineral Products Association, the trade association for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, dimension stone, lime, mortar and silica sand industries – for further information go to [www.mineralproducts.org](http://www.mineralproducts.org)

The MIA constitution can be seen by [clicking here](#)

[in](#) See the UK Mortar Industry Group on LinkedIn.

**Updated data sheets now on website →**

**Latest news**

- Updated data sheets now on website
- Guild of Bricklayers competition 2015 final winners announced
- Final of Guild of Bricklayers competition
- Further winners announced for the guild of bricklayers regional competitions
- MIA annual lunch business presentations
- Bricklaying winners announced

Home page of the MIA website

## Trained operator scheme introduced by CPI Euromix



**Trained operator card**

As part of a company drive to increase efficiency and improve health and safety on construction sites, CPI Euromix has launched its *Trained operator card* scheme to formalise the training process for users of its silo mixing stations.

CPI promotes continuous improvement in health and safety standards and practice. As part of this commitment, CPI has established a training academy

where site service engineers complete a standardised and comprehensive training syllabus.

A key element of the training syllabus is dedicated to training users of the equipment on site to ensure that, once trained to 'CPI standard', all on-site users will be competent and confident operating silo equipment. Upon completion of the new scheme, a CPI *Trained operator card* will be issued to the user to provide an

easy check for sites that on-site personnel have the correct and appropriate training to operate the equipment.

'The introduction of CPI *Trained operator cards* will help to formalise the certification of our training and processes for silo users,' explains Stuart Russell, CPI UK commercial manager. 'We have always delivered a comprehensive training programme and this new card system will help to raise awareness that only trained users should be operating and cleaning the machines on site.'

Stuart Russell added: 'Training is fully supported by an easy-to-use explanatory manual and a useful quick reference guide that shows how to undertake day-to-day care of the equipment, as well as how to deal with routine and basic operating issues to minimise downtime on site.'

With initial training provided free of charge and follow up/refresher training available on request, CPI *Trained operator cards* are valid for two years from the date of issue. To ensure the highest standards are maintained on site, CPI strongly recommends that only holders of a valid and in-date CPI *Trained operator card* operates silo equipment.

For further information is available at [www.euromix.com](http://www.euromix.com)

## Introducing faces behind the MIA

The Mortar Industry Association (MIA) operates under the overall umbrella of the Mineral Products Association (MPA) out of offices in London. Its members represent the principal suppliers of factory-produced mortars throughout the UK and its activities are overseen by an executive committee, chaired by Steven Large.



**Steven Large**

Steven, national commercial director of CEMEX UK, has 28 years industry experience covering all disciplines relating to building materials, developed both in the UK and internationally. He is also a council member for

CONSTRUCT, the trade association for those working in the concrete structures industry.



**Brian James**

MIA director, Brian James, is based in London. Brian, a chartered civil engineer, has extensive construction industry both in the UK and overseas. He carries other responsibilities under the MPA banner which include the association's

regional activities and the dimensional stone and silica sand operations.

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## New housing completions on the up

Not since the late 1970s has Britain been close to building anything like the 230,00 new homes a year it needs for its growing population but recent published figures at least show a move in the right direction: but there is a long way to go.

The latest National Statistics on house building issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government in August show that in the 12 months

ending June 2015, 131,060 homes were completed. This is 15 per cent higher than the previous year but is 26 per cent below the level for the 12 months ending December 2007.

Private enterprise housing completions were 11 per cent higher in the year ending June 2015 than in the year before whilst completions by housing associations rose by 30 per cent over the same period.



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