

**Venue: Leonardo Tower Bridge Hotel    NEC People – Celebrating Success**

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## Conference Agenda – Morning Session

- 08.15 Registration, coffee and bacon rolls
- 09.15 **Introduction to Conference (Matthew Smith)**
- An introduction to the day's proceedings from the lead sponsor K&L Gates welcoming attendees to this year's event
- 09.25 **Celebrating Success NEC People (Glenn Hide)**
- Looking back at the past year and the past ten years of NEC People conferences and growth/success within the group.
- 09.40 **Environment Agency: Building collaboration with Consultants and Contractors (Mark Hagger – Commercial Strategy Manager, Veronica Flint Williams - Contract and Risk Manager)**
- This presentation will share experience and thinking which has informed the decisions within the Environment agency, how they have adapted (in a minor way) the NEC to suit our particular requirements and circumstances and how they use NEC to support their business direction.
- 10.20 **Rocking All Over the World (Barry Trebes, Steven Evans)**
- A look on how NEC contracts are being used around the world. They will consider the geographical locations, different sectors, contractual challenges as well as challenges of culture and jurisdiction.
- 11.00 Tea/coffee break
- 11.20 **Maximising success out of ECI (Jon Broome, Neil Earnshaw)**
- Dr Jon Broome and Neil Earnshaw will give feedback on their use of Early Contractor Involvement under NEC. They will cover (with maybe some live disagreements!):
- the deficiencies or otherwise of the existing clauses and what they have done about them,
  - how they have adapted the clauses to suit other contracts circumstances,
  - how they have set out the Works Information/ Scope and
  - feedback from practice.
- 11.55 **Big changes in NEC4 Defined Cost – ECC, ECSC and, shock horror, the PSC! (Richard Patterson, Mott MacDonald)**
- A detailed review of the key changes to Defined Cost in ECC4, ECSC and for the first time its introduction in the NEC4 PSC contracts. What will those consultants make of all this?!
- 12.30 **Getting regular Accepted Programmes and Implemented Compensation Events on large fast paced projects (Glenn Hide, Sarah Schutte & John Rayner)**
- We all know the importance of getting accepted programmes and agreeing compensation events along the way on large projects but how many projects actually achieve this? This presentation will explore common issues occurring, and offer an insight into why these should be avoided and practically how they can be better achieved.
- 13.10 Lunch

## Conference Agenda – Afternoon Session

14.10    Break Out Sessions:

**Group 1. Understanding why contractual behaviours aren't happening and how to design an environment to make them more likely? (Bob Cummins)**

SODAK have created an interactive toolkit to help you explore contractual behaviours. Analyse why that something you want to happen isn't happening and then Design an environment that will make it more likely you will get what you want in the future. Delegates will work with the uniquely designed Behavioural Analysis toolkits using recognisable scenarios. This will be a hands-on practical workshop, providing an awareness around the factors that influence contractual behaviours.

**Group 2. Putting Z clauses to good use? (Glenn Hide, Jon Broome, Neil Earnshaw)**

The presenters will share some ideas of Z clauses they want to see included in future versions of the contract, before drawing on the groups ideas/experience as to other changes that are still needed to further improve NEC contracts. We will then collate and publish a list of standard additional amendments recommended/endorsed by the group that Clients/Contractors can include in their future contracts before they are eventually may be included in NEC5 – and putting Z clauses to good use (for a change, some might say!)

**Group 3. Managing the programme and compensation events in a fast changing project environment (John Rayner, Sarah Schutte)**

Fast-changing projects create a constantly evolving work environment and with it the need for flexible but robust changing programmes and increased numbers of compensation events to work through. This additional workload makes achieving an Accepted Programme and implementing Compensation Events challenging. After reviewing the presenters' thoughts and experiences on these issues, this breakout sessions will seeks the delegates' views and opinions and encourage the sharing of examples of good practice for managing these two critical aspects of NEC-based contracts under fast-changing circumstances.

**Group 4. Early(er) warnings: bridging the gap between engineering information and contract events (Ari Isaacs, Shape-do)**

NEC is built to bridge the gap between project events and the contract. Its aim is to enable parties to proactively engage and resolve issues. However, more often than not, when the need for an early warning arises, the damage is already done. In this workshop, we will explore ways to consciously engage with early engineering information to identify potential issues.

15.35    Coffee break

15.50    **Z clause of the year and Mock Adjudication: (Glenn Hide, with guest Employer and Contractor)**

Back by popular demand, this final session will award the Z clause of the year, and then go on to consider the cultural and behavioural issues that can exist on projects and explores the contractual/practical answer to a series of issues that might occur on a project. After hearing a (brief) defence from both *Employer* and *Contractor*, the audience gets to vote on the result of a series of mini-adjudications. The *Adjudicator* will then make a judgement – which will obviously be very straight forward and agree with the audience's decision!!

16.30    **Question Time Panel: Jon Broome, Neil Earnshaw, John Rayner, Sarah Schutte, Barry Trebes,**

Your chance to ask questions of the panel of experts about any of their presentations or any other aspect of NEC contracts generally.

17.10    **Close – Glenn Hide**

17.15    **Drinks reception for all attendees**

-19.30    Attendees are invited to join sponsors/speakers to a cocktail reception for drinks

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