

industry is working hard to
minimise its energy use
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Alfed leads new climate change talks for the industry

Discussions are underway between the industry and UK government over the next stage of the Climate Change Agreement. Industry argues that any new changes could harm the competitiveness of business and is working to minimise the impact.

The negotiations to set the criteria and scheme rules for the next phase of the UK's Climate Change Agreement (CCA) with industry from 2013-2023 are underway.

Alfed, representing the UK aluminium industry, is in discussions with the Department of Energy & Climate Change and a consultation document is being completed.

A review of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme has also been initiated.

The Emissions Trading Group, which includes ALFED, has been highlighting that the scheme is too complex, a view now

accepted by the Government, and a consultation document is also underway on the scheme which should contain some simplifications.

It is thought that, while the eligibility criteria to join the new CCA will not be changed, other operational details such as emissions reductions targets and reporting periods, will be more challenging but realistic. Each plant will be required to pass its targets and the UK Emissions Trading Scheme will close.

Alfed, along with the other representative bodies, has been keen to

highlight the potential damage the new changes could cause to competitiveness and is working hard to minimise the impact, while the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills is also involved and recognises the potential difficulties for industry.

While Alfed is keen for Climate Change Legislation to continue for the good of the environment and to keep pressure on industry to minimise its energy use and waste, it is at the centre of the current negotiations to ensure that the new legislation is practical and workable. ■

Dinner close to sell out

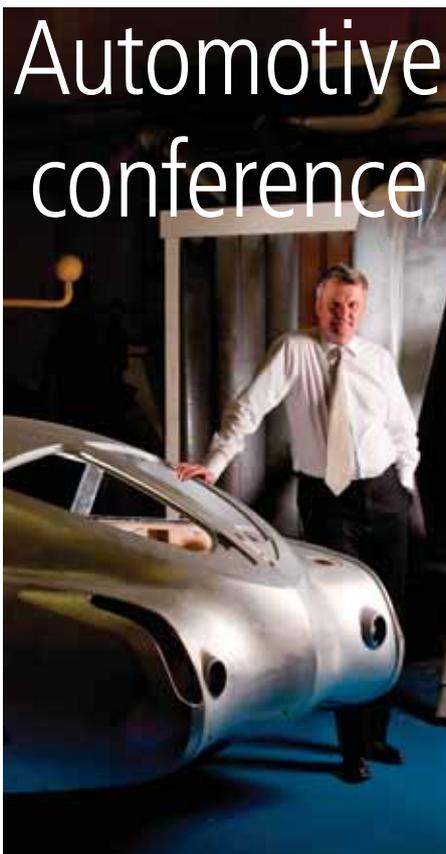
Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, former Secretary of State for Defence and a former Secretary General of NATO, is to be the guest speaker at Alfed's Annual Dinner this November.

The ever popular dinner, held at Merchant Taylors Hall in the City of London, is on the verge of selling out with the last few tickets expected to be sold by the middle of September.

"The dinner is an important event in the industries calendar," said Will Savage, Chief Executive of the Aluminium Federation.

"It is an opportunity for the industry to come together, meet the many MP's and VIP guests invited and show what a strong and vibrant industry we have."

Automotive conference



Charles Morgan (pictured), owner of The Morgan Motor Company, will be talking about doing business with the aluminium industry and how he believes aluminium use could be increased.

He is the speaker for the Gala Dinner at the 'Aluminium in Automotive' Conference to be held at Thinktank, Birmingham in September.

"Charles has a unique view on automotive manufacture, and a strong belief in the long term role of aluminium in the industry. He is also a strong advocate on the need for a buoyant UK manufacturing sector," said Will Savage, Chief Executive of the Aluminium Federation, which is organising the conference in conjunction with the Aluminium Alloy Manufacturing & Recycling Association.

For more information, a full programme, profiles of the speakers and booking information go to www.alfed.org.uk/conference2011. Tickets for the dinner can be bought separately from the conference.