

# Press Release

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## **THE RAILWAY FORUM'S FIFTH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – THE CHALLENGE FOR RAIL**

The Railway Forum's fifth Sustainable Development Seminar will take place at London's Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, on Tuesday 17 April 2007 and is kindly sponsored by Hornagold and Hills, Leaders in Railway Consultancy.

Entitled The Challenge for Rail, the Seminar promises to raise many questions and debates surrounding the recent Eddington and Stern reports. Key speakers at the Seminar will be Stephen Hammond MP, Shadow Rail Minister who will speak about the Conservative approach to rail and the environment and Mark Lambirth, Director of Rail Strategy and Finance, DfT who will speak on the Eddington report and its implementation.

Other speakers on the day will include:

- \* George Muir of the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC)
- \* Len Porter of the Rail Safety and Standards Board
- \* Nick Coad of National Express Group
- \* Mike Tatton of Rail Safety and Standards Board
- \* Andrew McNaughton of Network Rail

- \* Richard Brown of Eurostar (UK) Ltd
- \* Tim Green of Road Users Alliance
- \* Steve Parker of Hornagold & Hills.

The day will commence with registration and Lunch at 12:00 and will conclude with a drinks reception at 18:20.

The aims and objectives of the day will be to review key developments both inside and outside the railway industry including the Eddington and Stern reports, to consider the industry responses and to identify areas for further action and discussion.

Speaking about the Seminar, Paul Martin, the Forum's Director General said:

*"The issues around sustainability have grown enormously in the industry's and public awareness since our last Sustainable Development Seminar in 2005. We in the rail industry cannot afford to be complacent in our assumptions that rail is demonstrably more environmentally friendly than our competitors. I am delighted that the Shadow Rail Minister will be speaking along with key figures from the industry."*

A full programme is attached and members of the media are invited to attend for either the whole day or to the speeches they find most appropriate.

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Notes to editors:

1. The Railway Forum website is [www.railwayforum.com](http://www.railwayforum.com) and that of Hornagold & Hills is [www.hornagold-hills.com](http://www.hornagold-hills.com)
2. Attendance at the Seminar is by invitation to Forum members, Hornagold & Hills guest list and individuals from Government, the industry and the media.