

## ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF BSI BRITISH STANDARDS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**The Deputy Chief Executive of a leading environmental institute has today been announced as the Chairman of a British Standards Institution (BSI) committee.**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Martin Baxter, a senior figure at the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), was confirmed as the Chairman of SES/I Environmental Management by the Standards Policy and Strategy Committee (SPSC) of BSI British Standards.

Mr Baxter was congratulated on his appointment by Mike Low, Director of BSI British Standards who described the role of Chairman in a BSI Committee as a “*key position in our standards work*”.

This appointment follows Martin’s long-standing work with BSI British Standards on the development of national and international environmental management standards.

The committee, supported by various sub-committees, makes an important contribution to the development of national and international standards in areas such as environmental management systems, environmental auditing, environmental labeling, life-cycle assessment and climate change.

Martin, who has almost 20 years’ experience in the environmental management field, says “*I’m delighted to have been appointed to this role. The UK has led the way, both nationally and internationally, in the development of environmental management standards that are used by hundreds of thousands of public and private sector organisations around the world.*”

*“Environmental management standards help organisations to improve their environmental performance, while at the same time improve their productivity and competitiveness. They play an important part in driving forward the environment and sustainability agenda.”*

By accepting the position of Chairman, Martin’s responsibilities now include:

- leading the Committee in its formal deliberations whilst maintaining a strictly impartial position between all views represented on the committee
- ensuring that a UK viewpoint is established on European and international standardization matters within the Committee’s purview
- actively contributing to the strategic planning of the Committee’s activities and work programme.

Martin’s appointment as Chairman further cements the reputation of the IEMA as a leading authority on the environmental industry.

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