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Free Health and Safety advice for all at The Reebok Stadium

Further details of the free seminar series accompanying the **Health and Safety 08 - North** event at The Reebok Stadium, Bolton, on the 8th and 9th of October 2008 have been announced. The seminar programme at the Northern stretch of this regional series of events will be delivered by a raft of industry experts and will cover issues ranging from accident and incident management to hearing protection. A full programme of seminars can be found at: www.healthandsafetyevents.co.uk.

Amongst the educational highlights of the event is a seminar on day two, 9th October 2008, from Sarah Brown about the perennial issue of asbestos management. The presentation will feature an update on current asbestos issues and recent initiatives, including a summary of the HSE's asbestos campaign which will launch with national media coverage on the 13th October 2008 based on the success of the pilot media campaign run in North West England. The HSE's campaign is designed to raise awareness of the risk of exposure to the substantial amounts of asbestos still contained in many buildings. Sarah's presentation will also focus on the work that the HSE has done nationally with key stakeholders to promote the campaign and its messages, and to distribute campaign materials.

Also interesting is the first of the IOSH seminars on day one, 8th October 2008, entitled 'Ergonomics = Human Factors – a World Beyond Manual Handling'. According to recent statistics published by the HSE, up to 80% of accidents in the workplace can be attributed to human error,

referred to as 'human factors'. Human factors can include such issues as poor design, poor maintenance, attitude to health and safety in the workplace, inadequate training or supervision, poor work planning and organisation. Delivered by Jon Anslow, the presentation will provide an overview of human factors in health and safety at work today, look at the HSE's approach, and also provide an introduction to the "Inspector's human factors tool kit".

Health and Safety 08 – North also provides visitors with a fantastic opportunity to talk to key industry bodies, professional and trade associations such as IOSH, the Health & Safety Executive, the Asbestos Control and Abatement Division (ACAD) and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH), all of who are exhibiting at the Reebok stadium in October. For a full list of exhibitors visit: www.healthandsafetyevents.co.uk .

The venue has been chosen for ease of access and boasts ample free parking while the educational content addresses the most topical and pressing safety issues. The 50% increase in the number of exhibitors and the impressive list of companies supporting the exhibition means that visiting Health and Safety '08 – North will be a worthwhile experience for the time-pressured visitor.

As well as the impressive range of exhibitors and seminar topics, Principal People's fire training consultants will be generating some heat outside the exhibition hall during Health and Safety '08 - North. The team will be demonstrating the use of extinguishers and inviting visitors to bring a blaze under control with hand held extinguishers. Principal People will be promoting the range of fire training services that it offers, from fire marshal training and evacuations to risk assessment and general consultancy.

Registering for the events or seminars is free. Registration is via: www.healthandsafetyevents.co.uk or for those without internet access registration can be completed by calling the event helpline on: 0870 4866816.

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Editor's Notes:

Western Business Exhibitions organizes a number of successful exhibitions and conferences in the UK. As well as the Health and Safety 08 events, the company organizes The Energy Event which has swiftly and successfully established itself as the number one exhibition and conference in its sector. After Health and Safety '08 – North, the next event will take place at Sandown Park on 24th and 25th February 2009.

For further information on Health and Safety 08 visit: www.healthandsafetyevents.co.uk

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