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SAGTA invests in C4SL development

SAGTA has announced it will be supporting the next phase of C4SL development by inviting industry professionals to join a dedicated C4SL2 Steering Group. The new Steering Group will be dedicated to providing oversight, and driving the development of the C4SL initiative.

It is widely accepted by DEFRA, the Welsh Assembly and other industry groups that more levels of C4SL need to be derived. SAGTA, an association of UK landowners which manages land contamination issues, has taken a big step towards making this happen. By inviting a number of organisations to join the new Steering Group, SAGTA hope to derive more C4SLs for approximately 50 further compounds. The aim is to freely disseminate this information to industry.

SAGTA have provided substantial investment, and are now asking other industry bodies to invest in developing the C4SL initiative. These funds will support the necessary toxicological study works, and also allow for a dedicated Project Manager whose role will be to link the Steering Group and the C4SL production team. This coordinated approach will drive the development of this initiative, and achieve the delivery of further C4SLs.

The Steering Group will be led by Dr Richard Boyle. Dr Boyle explained that “since the publication of the C4SL work, the scope for their potential use has been clarified by DEFRA, DCLG and the Welsh Assembly. This has confirmed that C4SLs can serve within the planning process as a measure of suitable of use. We accept the existing policy direction and want to progress the initiative on this basis.”

Some preliminary work has already been commissioned including ‘specifications’ that draw out the essential toxicology and exposure elements from the existing C4SL framework in order to ensure the standard and consistency of C4SL production.

SAGTA Chairman, Frank Evans, added his support, “The first batch of C4SL work has made a real difference to our sector. We want to build on the positive work from the industry to date, and are looking forward to supporting the next stage.”

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SAGTA - The Soil and Groundwater Technology Association is a not-for-profit association of member organisations drawn from UK companies which represent many major land holding sectors. Its members actively address challenges associated with the ownership and management of both contaminated operational land and brownfield development sites.

Building on some 20 years of experience as the authoritative voice of contaminated land from the land holder's perspective, SAGTA contributes by:

- Sharing technical experience and knowledge;
- Helping shape best practice; and
- Understanding the impacts of the emerging sustainability agenda.

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