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CTI promoting Industry collaboration at Timber Expo 2017

The Confederation of Timber Industries (CTI) is glad to be exhibiting again at Timber Expo, the timber dedicated show taking place at the NEC, Birmingham, from 10 to 12 October 2017.

Championing a collaborative approach across the UK Timber Industry, the CTI will share the Stand T445 with three major trade organisations in the Sector: the British Woodworking Federation (BWF), the Structural Timber Association (STA) and the Timber Trade Federation (TTF).

Under the umbrella of the CTI, BWF, STA and TTF will be working together to showcase benefits and applications of timber in construction. There will also be room for networking and business opportunities through a wide range of workshops, presentations and informative meetings.

The STA will open the round of events taking place at the CTI joint stand with the launch of the STA's Timber Trends and Capacity Report scheduled on Tuesday 10th October from 12.30 to 13.30. The report aims to show to the Government and the wider Construction Industry that the Structural Timber Sector has already the ability to deliver quality systems at a scale to meet current and future market demand.

Wednesday 11th October will see two presentations taking place at CTI Stand and the nearby Timber Restaurant. At 12.30 pm, the BWF will announce the shortlisted projects of its BWF Woodworking Awards with a drinks reception to be held at CTI Stand.

At 2 pm, the Timber Restaurant will host a joint seminar, organised by the TTF and the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the United Kingdom, with a focus on business opportunities in Belarus. The event aims to bring together UK timber traders and Belarusian companies to further understand the market and facilitate trade.

Finally, the agenda for Thursday 12th October includes two more events to take place at the CTI joint stand. From 10.30 to 11.30, the BWF, in collaboration with Grown in Britain, will be showing qualities and benefits of the new line of Grown In Britain

certified windows. Coming up, from 12.30 to 13.30, the BWF will launch its updated Stair Scheme Design Guide.

CTI Chairman Roy Wakeman OBE commented: *“Timber Expo is one of the largest trade shows in our Industry and we couldn’t miss the opportunity to promote timber excellence both to key stakeholders in the Construction sector and the wider public.*

After many years of division, it’s great to see major trade organisations such as BWF, STA and TTF working side by side towards a common goal under the umbrella of the CTI.

This collaborative approach is exactly what our Industry needs to further develop its innovative solutions. From offsite housing and low-carbon construction products to high responsible sourcing standards and communities’ development, the UK Timber Sector has a lot to say to decision makers and influencers.

Once again, the only way to be heard is to speak with a single voice.”

Notes to the editor:

The Confederation of Timber Industries (CTI) was launched in 2015 to give a single voice for the timber supply chain. It acts as a “trade association of trade associations” covering the diverse interests of timber producers, processors, importers, wholesalers, manufacturers and merchants.

Find CTI Stand T445 on UK Construction Week floor map [here](#) and view all the events planned at the Stand [here](#).