**British Business Association – Eastern Province**

**27 September 2015**

**Members’ Update**

**Dear BBA Member**

Welcome back after the long summer holidays and the Eid Al Adha break - and all best wishes for a successful new business season. The following note provides an update about recent and forthcoming BBA activities:

1. BBA website. A revamped website was launched in early September – the address remains www.bbaep.org . Please visit the site, refer it on to those who you think might like to become a BBA member, and let us know if you have any feedback.
2. Membership survey. On 10 September, the Committee issued an online membership survey designed to find out from members their views about existing activities and what could be done better. Please take time to complete the survey – it is just 15 quick questions long – and provide us with any other comments you may have. The last date for replies is 8 October.

If you happen not to have received the link to the survey, please use this link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JJPZN5N . As mentioned previously, the overall aims of the survey are to ensure that future BBA events continue to attract existing and potential new members, and to ensure that British business interests are promoted as effectively as possible across the Eastern Province. Please feel free to contact any committee member with thoughts about the BBA’s objectives and potential future initiatives. Contributions from all BBA members are always welcome; it is your organisation.

Thanks are due to Jeff Stewart for all his hard work in co-ordinating both the new website and the members’ survey.

1. BBA committee / SIGs. The new BBA committee has met several times over the summer and is planning an active programme of events over the next 9 months.

The committee also remains keen to promote business-focussed Special Interest Groups (SIGs). The Oil & Gas Industry SIG is planning to meet again in late October. Please contact Jeff Stewart if you wish to attend this SIG, and please let Jeff know as well if you have ideas for launching another SIG.

1. Membership cards. The committee is in the process of redesigning the format of the BBA membership card in preparation for the reissuing of cards to members for the next membership year. We are also aware that some new members have experienced a delay in receiving their cards, and we apologise for this hitch.

However we are now beginning to print cards for new members, using the latest design, and we hope to be back up to date shortly. Thank you for your patience.

1. Current events
* All members are warmly invited to a Welcome Back networking reception to be held at 50A Oasis Gardens at 19.00hrs on Tuesday 6 October. An email has been sent to BBA members containing a formal invitation and asking members to RSVP.
* A BBA speaker dinner will take place in mid-November; date, venue and topic to be confirmed. Full details will be issued shortly by email to members; places will be allocated on a “first-reply, first-served” basis.
1. BBA office. The BBA office has reopened. As from the end of Eid, Rachael will be in the office at Oasis Gardens each Monday between 09.00 – 11.30hrs. At other times, Rachael is available on the mobile telephone number below. Full contact details: Rachael Routledge, BBA Secretary, Tel: 013 8825629, Mob: 059 7112644 (Sunday – Thursday 09.00 until 16.00hrs), Email: secretary@bbaep.org .

The committee looks forward to welcoming old and new members to the Welcome Back networking reception on Tuesday 6 October. See you there!

**Geoff Fennah, Chairman**

**Edward Rose, General Secretary**

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