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Build UK Welcomes New Trade Association Member

Build UK has further increased its representation of the contracting supply chain with the addition of a new Trade Association Member, the European Fencing Industry Association (EFIA), from January 2016.

Established in 1982, EFIA promotes safety, quality and professionalism throughout the UK fencing industry. It provides business opportunities, industry news and technical information to its almost 90 members including contractors, manufacturers and stockists; facilitates collaboration; and seeks to raise the profile of the sector.

The addition of EFIA strengthens Build UK's position as the 'go to' organisation for Government, clients and other stakeholders. Since bringing together the industry's largest Main Contractors and leading Trade Associations in one organisation last year, Build UK has made significant progress on a number of long-standing industry issues such as pre-qualification and led the industry response to the Government's Apprenticeship Levy which is due to take effect from April 2017.

By working together to address issues, develop best practice and implement industry-wide solutions, Build UK can make a real difference within the industry and support growth in the UK economy.

Build UK Chief Executive **Suzannah Nichol MBE** said:

"I am delighted to welcome EFIA as the first new Trade Association Member of Build UK in 2016. EFIA will lend further weight to the voice of the contracting supply chain on key industry issues including image, skills and payment. I look forward to welcoming EFIA to Build UK's first major event on 2 March at 'The Cheese grater' which will show the potential of a successfully united and productive construction sector."

EFIA Chairman **Bernard Kilbride** said:

"EFIA is delighted to have been accepted into membership of Build UK. Build UK represents the top tier of the construction industry, as EFIA represents those at the top of their game in the fencing industry. Sharing similar aims and goals, there is an excellent 'fit' between

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the two associations and EFIA looks forward to working with Build UK to shape the UK construction industry, making it a safer, fairer, and more attractive market for the businesses that we represent.”

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1. Build UK provides a strong collective voice for the contracting supply chain in construction. We bring together the industry’s largest Main Contractors and leading Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors – www.BuildUK.org.
2. To find out more about Build UK’s priorities, see the [Build UK Action Plan](#).
3. For further information on the European Fencing Industry Association (EFIA), visit the [EFIA website](#).