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Wood Protection Association expands to support modified wood technology

The Wood Protection Association (WPA) is expanding its operations to support modified wood technologies. Modified woods are relatively new construction materials. The term describes softwoods that have been modified chemically, biologically or by a physical agent such as heat to give them enhanced performance properties. The WPA believes that wood modification opens up new opportunities for timber as a construction material.

The newly formed WPA modified wood group will be headed by John Alexander of BSW Timber. Commenting on the WPA's move to support the development of modified wood, John Alexander says:

“ Modified woods enable designers to exploit the full potential of wood as a stable, good looking, low environmental impact building material. However, modified wood is still relatively new and many designers are calling for detailed generic guidance on its specification and use. The WPA has an excellent track record as an independent technical and advisory organisation and development of a modified wood specification manual is an early priority.”

The WPA will be collaborating with other leading organisations such as BRE, modified wood manufacturers and coatings specialists in developing best practice guidance. “We hope to announce publication of this new WPA manual later this year.” says WPA Director, Chris Coggins who adds: “ We invite any business with an interest in the future of modified woods to join forces with the WPA to help the market develop and prosper.”

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