

## SCOTTISH SECRETARY CALLS IN AT SCOTASH

The Secretary of State for Scotland, Michael Moore, visited ScotAsh on 13th July as part of a tour of Longannet Power Station, where he learned about the station's ambitions to be a global centre of excellence for Carbon Capture and Storage.

ScotAsh MD Peter Quinn explained to the Secretary of State how Longannet's green credentials extend beyond CCS, as the ash produced as a by-product is passed to ScotAsh to manufacture high quality, sustainable construction products.

The Minister was given a guided tour of the plant, where he was shown how the company has grown and the impact it has had

on the construction industry.

After the visit Mr Moore said: "It was good to see the advances being made in carbon capture and storage and how ScottishPower is reducing the carbon footprint of energy generation.

"I was impressed to see a by-product from power generation being put to good use by the construction industry. It is innovation and research like this that will drive future change in the sector."

Peter Quinn said: "The Minister was able to see for himself that the work we do at ScotAsh is integral to Longannet's quest to be a leader in clean coal technologies."



Site tour: Peter Quinn with Michael Moore and Jim Tolson MSP at ScotAsh

# A ROYAL OCCASION

## ScotAsh welcomes HRH The Duke of Gloucester

ScotAsh welcomed His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester for a site tour on Thursday, 1st July 2010.

The Duke, born Prince Richard of Gloucester, is the grandson of King George V and cousin of Her Majesty The Queen. He is a qualified architect with particular interests in architecture and conservation.

He was elected a corporate member of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1972 and his fellowships include the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland.

During his visit, the Duke was given a short presentation about ScotAsh and introduced to staff before a site tour.

Managing Director Peter Quinn said: "As a qualified architect who has an interest in environmental issues, His Royal Highness was very interested in

whether architects are specifying our products in view of the growing movement to reduce the carbon footprint of construction.

"He asked many questions about our process, particularly the way we remove carbon from the raw material to make it suitable for quality controlled cements and seemed very interested in the environmental benefits of using pulverised fuel ash in cements, which include less quarrying, reduced carbon emissions and diverting ash from landfill. We were honoured that he chose to visit us."

The Duke was accompanied on his visit to ScotAsh by the Lord-Lieutenant of Fife, Mrs Margaret Dean, who presented ScotAsh with our Queen's

Awards in 2005 and 2008.

Also in attendance was Fife Councillor Willie Ferguson, Longannet Power Station's Site Security Manager. ScotAsh presented His Royal

Highness with a commemorative gift and he signed the visitors' book before departing, simply as "Richard".



VIP Visit: MD Peter Quinn with HRH The Duke of Gloucester

## RAY'S 40-YEARS' LOYAL SERVICE

**Congratulations** to Deputy Production Manager Ray Bellamy who recently passed his 40-year career milestone.

Ray joined Lafarge's predecessor Blue Circle in 1970 and worked as an Engineering Craftsman at Weardale, Country Durham, then spent several years in Nigeria, before joining at ScotAsh in 2001.

Congratulations also go to Human Resources Co-ordinator Eleanor Penman (right) who recently celebrated 10 years at ScotAsh.



**Handshake:** Ray Bellamy meets HRH The Duke of Gloucester on his recent visit to ScotAsh

## PETER ON COUNCIL

**MD Peter Quinn** has been elected to the CBI Scotland Council for a period of three years.

Peter also presented a paper at the Eurocolash conference in Copenhagen this summer.

His presentation "Ash Beneficiation to Serve the Industrial Market", follows his attendance at the World of Coal Ash international conference in 2009.

## CEO LENA IS VISITOR



**Lena Wilson**, the Chief Executive of Scottish Enterprise, visited ScotAsh in June to find out more about our operations.

We were delighted to welcome Lena, formerly Scottish Enterprise's Chief Operating Officer and CEO of Scottish Development International, to our site.

## Safety put into practice



**Safety does it:** Working at height are Ross MacNicol and Stevie Clegg, right, Sandra Stewart practices her first aid techniques on Peter Quinn during Safety Day

**ScotAsh** held a Safety Day at the end of June which was attended by the majority of the workforce along with ScotAsh Board member Allan Everett, Lafarge's Ash Business Manager, and Steven Carter, Lafarge Cement UK's PR and Communications Manager.

The day involved the demonstration of a working at height rescue in the packing shed and staff responding to a number of First Aid scenarios, as well as a demonstration of the Lone Worker System. The event ended with a fire drill.



## Supply deal for tunnel

The quality of our ash was the key factor in winning a contract to supply Foam Concrete with EN450 for a tunnel associated with a major bridge project near Manchester, *writes Sales & Quality Manager Chris Bennett.*

Foam Concretes require any ash used in aerated, honeycomb concrete to have a carbon content of less than 5%.

ScotAsh is also supplying significant quantities of PFA and cement to a project to upgrade Rosyth Docks for the building of new aircraft carriers.

ScotAsh is featured as a case study in a recent report by Tomorrow's Company and the Department for Business Innovation and Skills entitled: "Running a Successful Business in the UK Low Carbon Economy."