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## Crossrail to be assessed under CEEQUAL

The UK's largest and most prominent civil engineering project has signed up to carry out a series of assessments under the CEEQUAL environmental assessment and awards scheme.

The £15.9 billion Crossrail project is scheduled to take eight years to complete and required its own Act of Parliament, passed in July 2008, to go ahead. Full construction will start in 2010 and a team of CEEQUAL Verifiers is being appointed to work with the Assessors from Crossrail.

CEEQUAL's Chief Executive Roger Venables says: "It is extremely satisfying for us when a project team as distinguished as that running Crossrail decides that CEEQUAL provides them with the right tool to influence and assess their environmental and social performance. We look forward very much to working with Rob Paris and his colleagues."

To find out more about Crossrail, see <http://www.crossrail.co.uk>

CEEQUAL is the assessment and awards scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering and public realm projects. It celebrates the achievement of high environmental and social performance and demonstrates the commitment of the civil engineering industry to environmental quality. CEEQUAL is being promoted by the ICE, CIRIA and other industry organisations, including CECA and ACE.

To find out more about CEEQUAL, see <http://www.ceequal.com>

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### About CEEQUAL

CEEQUAL is a scheme operated by and for the UK construction industry to promote improved sustainability in project specification, design and construction and to demonstrate the commitment of the civil engineering industry to environmental quality and social performance.

It does this by rigorously assessing performance across 12 areas of environmental and social concern, rewarding projects on which clients, designers and constructors go beyond the legal and environmental minima to achieve distinctive environmental standards in their work.

Applicants for a CEEQUAL Award report a range of benefits from using CEEQUAL as a driver for improvement and having their project assessed. These include:

- Reputation-building and good PR – including delivery of the applicant’s environmental, sustainability and/or corporate social responsibility policies.
- Improvements to projects and best practice – ranging from whole-life costing, waste minimisation, resource efficiency (materials, water, energy), to reducing complaints and environmental incidents.
- Demonstrating commitment to the environmental agenda – to clients, within the team and the organisations involved, and to the industry as a whole.
- Enhanced team spirit – developing a positive “we must score well here” attitude and rewarding teams that have gone the extra mile.

Since the Scheme’s launch in 2003, more than sixty CEEQUAL Awards have been made. Projects that have achieved an Award are listed on the CEEQUAL website. Currently about 150 further projects are being assessed and the total value of projects that have been or are being assessed now exceeds £13 billion.

For more information about CEEQUAL please visit [www.ceequal.com](http://www.ceequal.com).

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