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Dear VIPA International Member

We are pleased to send you the first edition of our Quarterly Newsletter.

The Communications and PR Working Group strived for an informative and concise publication to ensure you are kept abreast of what we have accomplished and what we have planned for the rest of the year - we hope you will enjoy reading it!

Having been created less than one year ago, VIPA International is gradually starting to tackle some important issues for our industry. We are working closely with our members in China about the new standard which entered into force on 1 December 2014. We are planning a set of meetings during IVIS 2015 in Nanjing, including our General Assembly and hope you can join us there.

We hope you find this publication helpful and remain at your disposal should you have any questions or remarks about VIPA International.

With best regards,
Roland Caps
VIPA International President

1. General News

1.1. Website and visual identity released

VIPA International announced the launch of its website and visual identity on 13 February 2015 with a press release - [see here](#)

The individual login and passwords to the reserved area of the website will be sent this month to all members. The reserved area includes all agendas, minutes and documents of the Working Groups, Board and Executive Committee.

1.2. Sponsorship to IVIS

VIPA International is a bronze sponsor of the 2015 edition of the International Vacuum Insulation Symposium (IVIS) taking place in Nanjing, China, from 19 to 21 September this year. This year's IVIS will be hosted by an associate member of VIPA International, the Super Insulation Composite Laboratory (SICL) of the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics (NUAA). The event will take place at the main campus of NUAA, located in Nanjing, China.

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1.3. Partnership with BuildUp

In March, VIPA International became an official partner of the EU platform Build Up. www.buildup.eu is an interactive web portal for building professionals, public authorities and building occupants who want to share their experience on how to save energy in buildings. The key aim of this European initiative is to reduce the energy consumption of buildings across Europe by transferring best practices to the market and fostering their



uptake. Being a partner of Build Up, VIPA International can publish its case studies and other materials highlighting the advantages of using vacuum insulation panels. VIPA International already published one case study in this online platform. VIPA's entry has been visited by 1450 people - [click here](#).

1.4. Two case studies released

VIPA International publishes case studies provided by its members. These showcase the advantages of VIPs. The Communications & PR Working Group is leading this effort together with the VIPA secretariat. Should you wish to send a case study from your company, please feel free to contact the secretariat in Brussels. To date, VIPA International released two case studies, available [here](#):

- [VIP technology delivers optimum thermal performance with a minimal build-up to care housing in North Yorkshire, U.K. - case study provided by Kingspan Insulation Ltd.](#)
- [Vacuum insulation panels provide the UK NHS Blood and Transplant with a transportation solution for blood components nationwide - case study provided by va-Q-tec](#)

1.5 JRC report lists vacuum insulation panels as one of the technologies needed to phase out inefficient buildings in Europe

A report published by the European Commission Joint Research Centre mentions vacuum insulation panels as one of the innovative technologies needed to renovate Europe's buildings.

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1.6 VIPA International response to European Commission public consultation on Green Public Procurement (GPP) for Office Buildings

The Joint Research Centre of the European Commission opened a public consultation on the GPP criteria and procurement guidance for office buildings. VIPA International submitted a reply to this open consultation on 27 February this year. The GPP criteria will apply to both renovation and new buildings to procure environmentally improved office buildings, including high energy efficiency standards. Additional information on the GPP for Office Buildings project can be found [here](#).

2. Association News

2.1. New members joining the association

The Board of VIPA International listed membership increase as a priority for 2015. An increased membership basis will allow the association to be more representative and to have more funds to invest in added-value activities for its members. In this sense, we are contacting all companies from manufacturers to supply chain and strongly encourage our current members to spread the word about the association to their own personal and business network so we can increase the number of companies in 2015.

We are happy to welcome our new members:



2.2. Board Update

VIPA International Board had a meeting in January in Munich and a conference call in March. The next face-to-face meeting will take place in Brussels on 7 May. During the January meeting, the Board approved the budget and the plan of activities for this year. Thanks to the carry-over of the funds not used last year, the fees of twelve regular members (10,000 EUR fee) and 3 associate members (500,00 EUR fee); the VIPA budget for 2015 includes a bit more than 145,000 EUR. In terms of plans for 2015, the milestones include:

Membership outreach:

- Be more representative of the industry and increase the global presence, particularly in the US and Asia
- Gather more associate members

Public relations and communications:

- Improve website
- Publish case studies
- Publish quarterly Newsletter (internal and external)
- Disseminate case studies in online free platforms e.g. Build Up
- Active participation at IVIS 2015 in Nanjing, China
- Consider taking over the organisation of IVIS in collaboration with the current IVIS Advisory Board

Public affairs and advocacy:

- Identify opportunities to influence legislation in the US that impacts on the use of VIPs in buildings and appliances
- Monitor the discussions in China and Japan about new legislation and standards on buildings
- Review the key stakeholders and decision-makers in Brussels and consider establishing relations with them

Standardisation/technical matters:

- Commission a technical study on ageing process - accurate measurement of the continuous increase of thermal conductivity of the VIPs (within some days) to get information on the extrapolated value beyond 20 years
- Continue participating at the standardisation process in Europe (CEN TC 88/WG 11)
- Align efforts with the EBC-IEA-Task 65
- Look into quality matters (performance of the panels, failure rate and quality of installation)
- Consider the possibility of creating a quality certification scheme
- Look into sustainability and recycling issues

VIPA Board will evaluate the work done on each milestone during the next meeting in May.

2.3 Update Technical WG

The Technical WG of VIPA works on the technical aspects of VIPs. The WG is following closely the standardization process internationally (IEA-EBC-Annex65), in Europe (CEN TC88/11) and China, contributing where possible with its technical expertise. The WG also advises the Board on the technical studies to be funded by VIPA.

2.4 Update Communications WG

The Communications WG of VIPA oversees VIPA communications (press releases, website, newsletters, case studies, etc). The WG is preparing the participation of VIPA to the IVIS exhibition and coordinating the promotional materials that need to be developed for this event.

2.5 Update Public Affairs WG

The Public Affairs WG follows the legislative and regulatory developments on energy efficiency in Europe, Asia and US. The WG is now reviewing the legislative landscape in these regions to identify opportunities for the VIP industry.

2.6 2015 General Assembly during IVIS in Nanjing, China

VIPA International 2015 General Assembly will take place on Friday, 18 September, just before the start of IVIS 2015. The General Assembly is open to all members - regular and associates. A

detailed report of VIPA International activities will be provided together with financial information. The General Assembly will approve the annual accounts and elect new members to the Board, including the position of President of the association.

We hope all our members can attend this meeting. It will take place at the campus of NUAA on Friday afternoon from 14:00 to 17:00.

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