

News from Kingspan

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WEIGHED, MEASURED, NOT FOUND WANTING

We hear the term sustainable bandied around on a regular basis, and many manufacturers claim that their products are sustainable, often purely on the grounds of some environmentally beneficial quality, without ever truly comprehending what sustainability is all about let alone having a verifiable indicator of it.

One construction manufacturer stands alone in having had the sustainability of its manufacturing processes and products independently and publicly weighed and measured, and in the ensuing results and in its willingness to improve further has not been found wanting.

Market leader Kingspan Insulation first initiated a full sustainability report on the environmental, societal and economic impact of its activities from Arup using its SPeAR tool in 2004. Kingspan is now ready to move into the next phase of its sustainable development programme following the publication of the latest comprehensive report, having undergone a full review in 2005 and a further mid term review in 2006.

Each review has shown clear progress in the four key areas of sustainability: natural resource use and environmental, societal and economic impacts, whilst highlighting where further improvements can be made. The programme of continual assessment informs management decisions about where to invest and develop, and the reports are made publicly available so that stakeholders can clearly see the evidence of sustainable practice.

This last element is crucial and currently unique in the construction industry in being able to assure end users of the sustainable credentials of the products they are specifying and employing.

Arup is revisiting Kingspan Insulation's UK manufacturing site in 2007 to continue the process, in the meantime visit www.insulation.kingspan.com to download a copy of the 2006 report or please contact Kingspan Insulation Ltd. on the numbers below:

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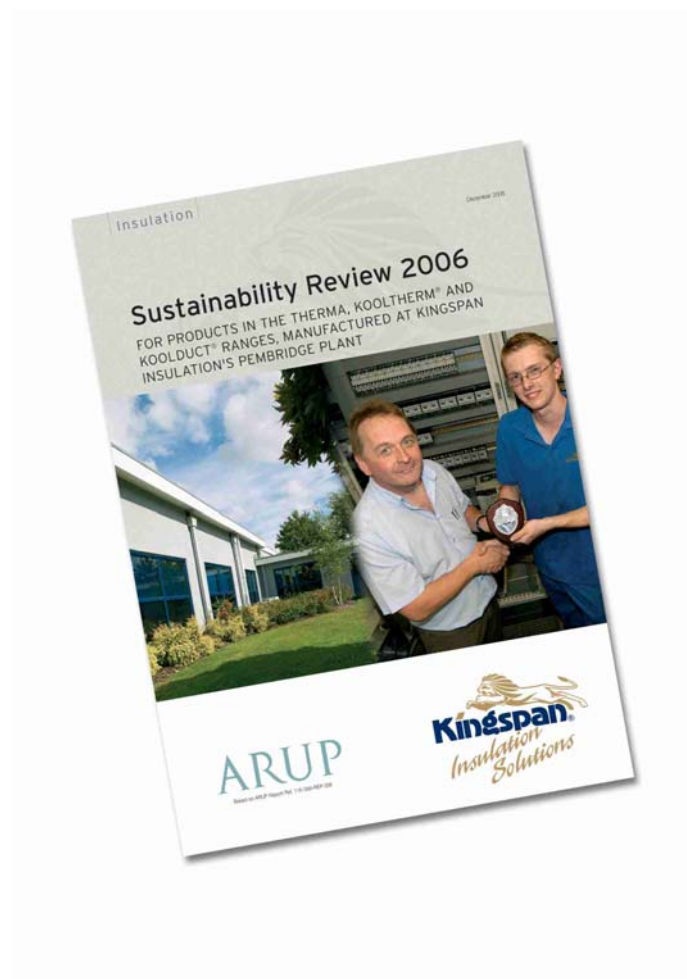
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