

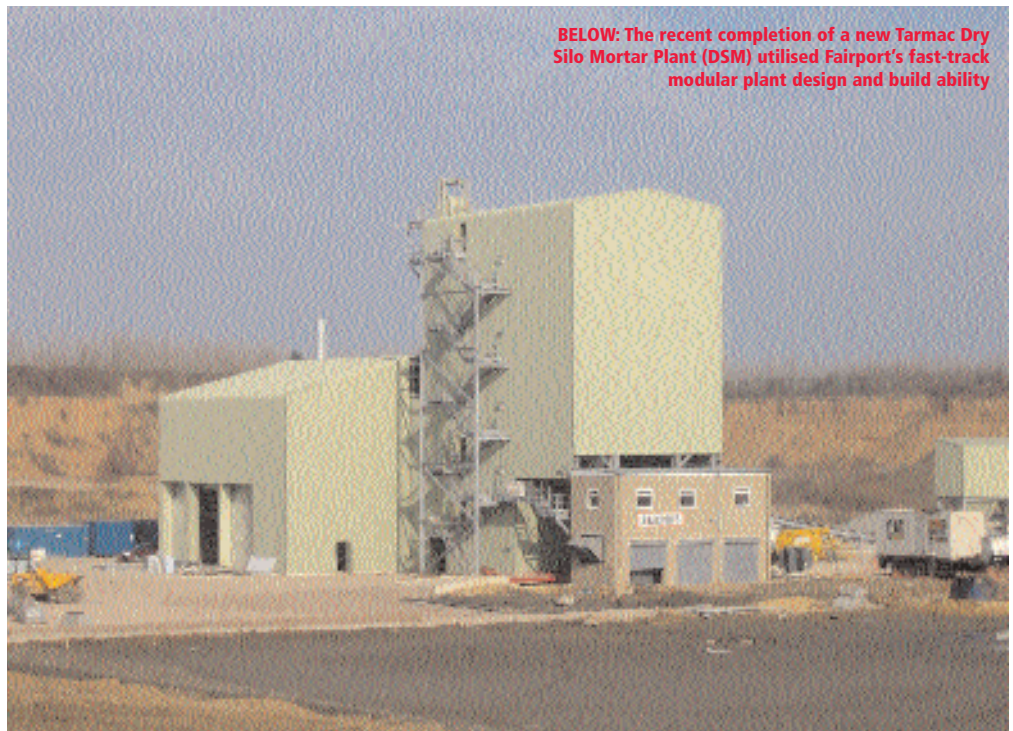
# passport to safety

*As part of its commitment to making working environments safer Tarmac has launched an engineering-led initiative for its suppliers and contractors called 'Working Together'*

Tarmac is among the world leaders in the supply of a range of construction materials, with operations spanning the globe. Tarmac currently operates more than 180 quarries and sand & gravel operations in the UK, Europe and the far east. Tarmac is the leading supplier of building materials in the UK and is constantly evolving to meet its customer's needs.

Safety is paramount within the Tarmac business and everybody associated with Tarmac is encouraged to work towards achieving the highest possible safety standards in the industry. Tarmac is committed to making everyone's working environments safer and to this end has launched an innovative, engineering-led initiative for its suppliers and contractors called 'Working Together'.

Working Together aims to take forward Tarmac's 'Golden Rules' and 'Target Zero' safety procedures and deliver them to the major suppliers and contractors used by Tarmac's engineering department, in a mutually benefi-



**BELOW:** The recent completion of a new Tarmac Dry Silo Mortar Plant (DSM) utilised Fairport's fast-track modular plant design and build ability



**ABOVE:** members of Fairport Engineering's staff after receiving their 'passports' from Fairport's operations director, Ian Tole and group health & safety manager, David Dutton.

cial and effective manner. The Working Together passport scheme is intended to accredit suppliers and contractor's staff with a general level of safety induction, which will be recognised by

Tarmac on its entire engineering department controlled sites nationwide. Whilst not negating the need for a site/project specific safety briefing it will remove the need for repeated generic safety inductions on every engineering site visited by suppliers and contractors staff.

Tarmac's engineering department is introducing Working Together in a pro-active manner by means of hosting road shows at various locations in the UK. The picture on the left shows members of Fairport Engineering's staff after receiving their 'passports' from Fairport's operations director, Ian Tole and group health & safety manager, David Dutton. The 'passports' were provided by Tarmac's engineering department three days after Fairport's staff had attended the two hour

Working Together presentation given by Tarmac's Derrick Holmes, Senior Engineering Manager, and Bob Ingle, Project Manager, at Fairport's Adlington offices.

Tarmac's engineering group has a keen interest in promoting the effective adoption of Working Together since they are responsible for the safe and successful delivery of Tarmac's capital works programme. This was probably one of the main reasons why Fairport was invited to be one of the first contractors to attend the Working Together presentation.

Fairport's association with Tarmac started with major aggregate projects at Stancombe and Cornelly in the mid 1990s, and then continued in the late 1990s with the Swinden 2000 project. Latterly this tradition has pro-

gressed with a new screening plant at Cornelly (2003), and the Holme Hall crushing and screening plant in 2004.

Aggregates apart, Fairport's relationship with Tarmac also includes involvement in both the concrete and building products sectors over the last few years.

Fairport has acted for Tarmac Concrete Products as manager and engineer for concrete product manufacturing plants at a number of locations dating back to 2001, with the construction of a new pavers facility at Pocklington. Working closely with Tarmac engineers, during the project development phase, to ensure that the manufacturing technology was appropriate and fit for purpose. Fairport then took the project safely through construction and onto successful commissioning. The recent completion of a new Tarmac Dry Silo Mortar Plant (DSM) at Colchester is evidence of Fairport's fast-track modular plant design and builds ability.

Patently, Fairport would not



**ABOVE: Fairport installed new screening plant at Holme Hall crushing and screening plant in 2004**

have been invited to undertake these major projects for Tarmac if it did not ensure that the health and safety aspects of the projects were a paramount consideration.

Commenting on Tarmac's Working Together passport scheme, Fairport's Ian Tole, says: "The advantages to Fairport and other contractors are evident and highly beneficial and can only strengthen our joint desire to achieve the safest working environment for all our employees."

Equally, David Dutton, Fairport's group health & safety manager, is confident that "the new passport scheme can take us to the next level in assisting Tarmac to deliver excellence in site safety". ●

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**LEFT: An installation for Tarmac in Swindon in 2000**