

Spayed Sealing Alliance

Feedback at RPF – May 2012



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Objectives

Establish an international sprayed seal 'best practice' forum in order to:

1. Act as a fast and effective way of transferring skills and experiences, not only from the more experienced to the less experienced, but also between isolated pockets of skilled practitioners.
2. Promote personal interaction between people with similar interests and challenges to serve as a mechanism for building a network of contacts that can be called upon for assistance if and when needed.

Areas of common interest identified

- Engineering and technology developments;
- Training and education;
- Research and development;
- Environmental issues;
- Occupational health and safety;
- Awareness and implications of changes and trends in global sprayed sealing markets;
- Fostering international communication;
- Identifying best practice and developing expertise.

Status

The first stage was to set up a “Linked in” group, which at 6 March 2012 consisted of 56. Current topics for discussion include:

- Use of emulsion based precoats;
- Development of specifications for polymer modified emulsions;
- Austroads polymer modified binder sprayed sealing trials;
- Sealing over asphalt placed over concrete;
- Crumb rubber binders;
- Heavy vehicle seal design;
- Primer seals – penetration or adhesion.

The group’s website address is

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4006580&trk=hb_side_g

Next Steps

Stage 2: Development of a MoU, to be agreed by interested parties. A form of governance be agreed and established.

Stage 3: A sprayed sealing best-practice forum/workshop be organised...possibly in conjunction with the ARRB Conference in Perth, Western Australia, 23-26 September 2012.

Stage 4: In the longer term, interest and achievements may grow to the point that a part-time secretariat needs to be funded, either through sponsors and/or nominal membership fees to cover costs.

Stage 5: Ratification of the SSA's membership, which is foreseen to include a broad cross-section of the international roads industry, including industry associations, organisations, umbrella bodies, roads agencies and educational institutions.