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### RIDBA Looks Ahead to Bright Future

Build UK is now managing the day-to-day running of RIDBA and led a successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) in February which was attended by over 40 members. The positive feedback received at the AGM was invaluable and RIDBA will be building on the constructive engagement generated at this meeting over the coming months.

Members welcomed the RIDBA strategy for 2016 designed to drive forward and maintain activity and impact over the coming year. It included the following key objectives: Increase Member Engagement; Develop the Profile of RIDBA; and Review the Governance and Operations of RIDBA. The strategy was set by the new RIDBA Board, led by RIDBA Chairman, James Anthony (M.D. Anthony) and the new Board will provide strong leadership on the key issues affecting members.

As well as focusing on delivering the new strategy, RIDBA will be organising a Gala Dinner to celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2016 which will take place on Thursday 16th June at the Welcome Hotel in historic Stratford-upon-Avon. The Gala Dinner is a brilliant opportunity to celebrate the history and success of RIDBA over the last 60 years and offers an excellent networking opportunity for the sector. RIDBA is delighted to have welcomed on board its first premium sponsors, Joseph Ash Galvanizing and Kingspan and with over 125 expected industry attendees tickets are selling fast.

RIDBA's dedicated Trade Association Manager, Natalia Plant, said:

*"I am delighted to be managing RIDBA, leading its external representation and overseeing the implementation of the new strategy. Whilst new to the sector, I bring a range of customer service and event experience and will be supported by a committed Trade Association team. I look forward to meeting and working with the people who make RIDBA the leading Association that it is, driving the Association forward to achieve our objectives and celebrating with members at the Gala Dinner!"*

For more information about the RIDBA Gala Dinner visit the RIDBA website or email [admin@ridba.org.uk](mailto:admin@ridba.org.uk).

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## Notes to Editors

1. The Rural and Industrial Design and Building Association (RIDBA) is the recognised trade association for the modern agricultural & industrial buildings industry
2. RIDBA represents contractors, designers, colleges, surveyors, land agents, planners and manufacturers involved in rural and industrial construction and information about membership can be found on the RIDBA website - <http://www.ridba.org.uk/membership/Membership-Application-form.pdf>
3. Build UK brings together 27 of the industry's largest Main Contractors and 40 leading Trade Associations collectively representing 11,500 specialist contractors
4. Build UK currently manages four Trade Associations, including RIDBA and an independent Training Group
5. The RIDBA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner form can be found on the RIDBA website - <http://www.ridba.org.uk/futurenews.htm>
6. The RIDBA 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner sponsorship information can be found on the RIDBA website – <http://www.ridba.org.uk/futurenews.htm>.