

# Editor's Foreword

The registration deadline for the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Scheme for any organisation that was using half-hourly metered electricity exceeding 6000MWh in 2008 was passed back in September 2010, and it is time to look ahead to the next stage of participating in this mandatory carbon trading scheme.

While changes are anticipated following the Comprehensive Spending Review, we simply do not yet know what these changes will be. The estimated 3,000 organisations that have cleared the first hurdle and registered should not delay on the next area of compliance, the Footprint Reports and evidence Packs that are due in July 2011, warns specialist energy consultancy energyTEAM on page 18.

2010 has seen yet more changes to the lighting industry. As the EU continues to phase out incandescent GLS lamps in favour of more efficient alternatives, 2010 also saw the start of the tertiary implementing measures affecting office, industrial and street lighting. Consequently, lighting solutions that are the mainstay of office lighting such as basic fluorescent tubes will disappear over the coming years so it is important that FMs familiarise themselves with the alternatives.

On page 24, Dave Ellis, National Sales Manager – Specification at OSRAM, provides an update on EU legislation and examines how building efficiency can be optimised by using intelligent LMS.

With severe weather already having caused widespread disruption, this winter the dangers of structural damage due to significant weight loads as a result of heavy and repeated snow events are again significant. In our main feature on pages 22 and 23, Alistair Smith, property risk manager at the UK's largest insurer, Aviva, offers some timely advice.

Have a great Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

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