

# Irish Concrete Federation Annual Report 2010



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# Industry Mission Statement

*We will be a customer driven, service oriented, quality business.*

*We will be viewed by our community and Government as an environmentally responsible industry that operates in a safe and healthy manner.*

*We will create a work environment where our employees are highly trained and empowered to anticipate customer needs.*

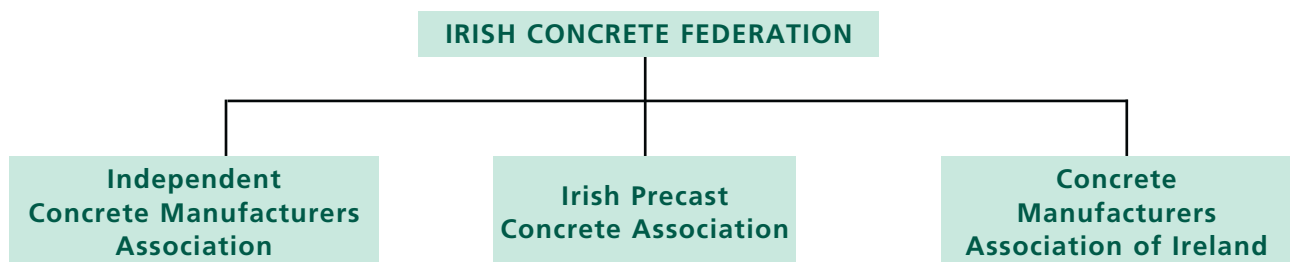
*We seek to develop successful and mutually beneficial relationships with customers, suppliers, communities and the construction industry.*

*The concrete products industry will continue to be successful.*

*The concrete products industry will be guided by positive leadership among the many strategies to be utilised in achieving these goals.*

**The End Result**  
**Adequate Return on investment**  
**A Secure Future.**

## Irish Concrete Federation Structure



### Affiliations

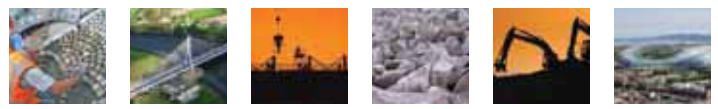
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(Union Européenne des Producteurs de Granulats).



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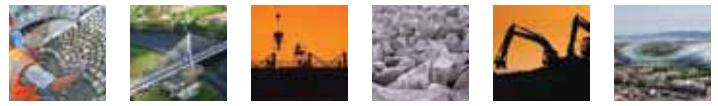
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## Foreword by the President, Christy Loughnane

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Annual Report of the Irish Concrete Federation for 2010.

The year 2010 will not be remembered fondly by the members of the Irish Concrete Federation (ICF). Much of the organisation's activity was set against the background of falling volumes and reduced turnover. There are obviously many causes of the current downturn but the key fact is that confidence in our country has been shattered. As in life, confidence is an essential ingredient in facing the future and the economic collapse has certainly impacted negatively on the image of this country from abroad while also undermining the confidence of our own people. This has resulted in a marked reduction in investment in many sectors to which our members supply.

In his report the Chief Executive will outline in detail the size of the contraction in residential, commercial and industrial construction. However, even more disappointing was the substantial decline in infrastructure spending. ICF was disappointed at the failure of Government to meet its budgeted targeted expenditure in capital investment for 2010. Notwithstanding the undoubted pressure on public finances, we would encourage Government to achieve the targeted expenditure of €4.7bn for infrastructure in 2011. Our country still has major infrastructural deficits and we will continue to encourage Government to spend financial resources in areas such as education and transport as this will directly improve the competitiveness of our country, while obviously maintaining jobs in construction.

For the membership of the ICF, the realisation has dawned that the downturn in construction is not a temporary phenomenon. Our industry needs to downsize radically and to adjust its cost base suitably. While this is difficult for many within our industry, it is a necessity if many in our industry are to survive. The ICF is there to assist members to adjust to the new reality of the marketplace in whatever way possible.

The obvious impacts of the reduced demand for our members' products have been exacerbated by the huge problem of bad debt in our industry. Our members have suffered greatly at the hands of customers who did not pay their creditors, even in

the case of publicly funded projects. Our industry has no legal protection as "retention of title" is of little benefit to aggregate, readymix concrete and concrete block suppliers. In good times credit management was not a priority. Consequently many in our industry have paid a high price for failing to manage debtor days and cash collection. In 2010, ICF produced best practice guidelines for our industry in the area of credit management. We also have lobbied extensively on the detail of the Construction Contracts Bill announced by Senator Fergal Quinn which is due to be finalised in 2011. ICF will continue to seek protection under this legislation for its members.

Issues such as the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2010, extractive waste legislation, changes to building regulations, new product standards, archaeology, transport policy, health and safety and promotion were also addressed by the various ICF policy committees. The Chief Executive's report will give a summary of these issues and many others which the Federation addressed on behalf of its members in 2010. As President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those members who participate in these committees, particularly in these very challenging times. Without this input the ICF's ability to represent its members would be severely curtailed.

A great deal of gratitude is also due to my fellow ICF Council members who oversaw the activities of the organisation in 2010 and to the members who supported our many events throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the ICF in Newlands Cross for their dedication and professionalism in addressing the many needs of our industry throughout the year.

**Christy Loughnane**  
President



# Chief Executive's Report

## Introduction

It goes without saying that the year 2010 was one of continued difficult trading conditions for all who depend on construction activity in this country. ICF members, who are involved in the manufacture and delivery to site of the key construction materials used by our construction industry, are no different in this regard. The ongoing reduction in investment in Ireland led to another severe drop in sales for the members of the Federation leading to further downsizing by companies involved in the sector. Unfortunately, this has led to a large number of job losses, a trend which unfortunately shows little sign of abating. While there has been much comment on the over reliance of the economy on the construction industry during the Celtic Tiger era, there is little doubt that, as a country, we have now gone to the other extreme whereby investment in our economic, social and environmental infrastructure have reached levels which are totally undermining the future of construction in this country and those businesses that supply it. The figures are stark.

### Construction Industry Output

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Construction Output (€bn)	38.6	32.6	18.0	11.7

Source: DKM

As can be seen from the table above, total construction output in 2010 was approximately one third of that in 2007. This is the clearest indication of the extent of contraction in the construction industry over the 3 years ending December 2010. Unfortunately demand for ICF member's products follow a similar theme and our best estimate is that sales of aggregate and concrete products have suffered an equivalent reduction to that seen in overall construction output. An examination of activity in the key construction sectors illustrates clearly the reasons behind this contraction.

### Residential Investment

Residential investment in Ireland in 2010 contracted to levels not seen since the 1970's. There are a number of measurements of investment in new homes, including house completion statistics, new housing registrations and commencement notices. While most media comment is inevitably made on the completion



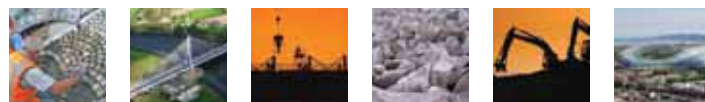
ICF Chief Executive, Gerry Farrell.

figures, the more accurate measurement of ongoing and current activity in house building is reflected in the number of commencement notices submitted to local authorities. The table below shows the evolution in commencement notices, registrations and completions since 2005.

### Housing Statistics 2005 - 2010

Year	Commencement Notices	Homebond & Premier Guarantee Registrations	Completions
2010	6,371	1,680	14,602
2009	8,604	3,743	26,420
2008	22,852	12,676	51,724
2007	48,876	38,351	78,027
2006	75,602	66,649	93,419
2005	77,709	62,284	80,957

Source: Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government



It is clear that the trend in house building has declined at unprecedented levels since 2005. Obviously house building represented the most significant outlet for our members' products in recent years and therefore the impact of this decline has been felt keenly by our members.

### Infrastructure

Investment in infrastructure is largely driven by Government investment in roads, schools, hospitals and other necessary public capital projects. Unfortunately 2010 saw a further reduction in the level of investment by Government in our public capital infrastructure. There is no doubt that Government finances are limited and that some reduction in capital investment by Government is unavoidable. However ICF was disappointed that the budgeted figure for capital investment in 2010 was not met by the Government. In fact, overall expenditure in capital projects was approximately €0.5bn behind the budgeted expenditure of €6.4bn as the table below outlines.

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Capital Expenditure (€bn)	7.3	5.9	4.7	4.3

While our public finances are now largely being dictated by the terms of the EU & IMF deal, ICF would encourage Government to ensure that the budgeted figure for capital expenditure is met as it will keep some level of activity within the overall construction sector, while at the same time addressing some of our infrastructure deficit. Investments in schools, hospitals and transport add considerably to the competitiveness of Ireland as a country in which to do business which is surely the best way of ensuring that Ireland emerges from the current economic downturn as quickly as possible.

### Commercial and Industrial Investment

There are little statistics available to measure investment in commercial and industrial infrastructure. The table below shows the level of planning permissions submitted in some key sectors. The figures show continued lack of confidence for investment in new industrial, office and public buildings.

#### Planning Permissions Granted (floor area)

Table 4	2007 (000m <sup>2</sup> )	2008 (000m <sup>2</sup> )	2009 (000m <sup>2</sup> )	2010 (000m <sup>2</sup> )	% Change 10/09
Industry	330	333	232	59	-75%
Hotels, Restaurants	103	96	102	41	-60%
Agriculture	2,098	2,695	324	177	-45%
Trade & Administration	413	418	390	162	-58%
Public Buildings	9	10	14	4	-71%
Health & Welfare	78	112	94	65	-31%
Education	61	95	79	55	-30%
Offices	148	159	167	108	-35%

Source: CSO

### Agriculture

A ray of hope emerged in the performance of our agriculture industry in 2010. This arose from improved prices and margins for Ireland's farmers leading to some investment on farms. While the outlook for agriculture remains positive, it largely depends on world markets for meat, cereals and dairy products. It must be remembered that our farming customers invested substantially in 2007 and in particular in 2008 in their farm buildings under the Farm Waste Management Scheme. There is no likelihood of investment returning to the level seen in these years by the farming sector. However the industry retains its key and often underrated role in Irish economic life and will remain an important outlet for our members' products in the year ahead.

## Bad Debt

In addition to the reduction in demand for members' products as outlined above, the additional major problem of bad debt proved to be a huge concern for the Federation's members in 2010. The collapse of the construction market and the drying up of cash flow has led to severe bad debt issues for members, both large and small, across the entire country. This bad debt is arising from the supply of products to both privately funded and state funded projects. Unfortunately, our industry has absolutely no protection from those who do not wish to pay suppliers. Retention of title is of no benefit to our industry and the duration and cost of the legal process in securing and executing court judgements against non-paying customers is prohibitive. In May 2010, Senator Fergal Quinn introduced the Construction Contracts Bill into Seanad Éireann. ICF greatly welcomed this well intended legislation as potentially offering some level of statutory protection for suppliers of both materials and labour to the construction industry. While much work remains to be done on this important piece of legislation, the ICF has been disappointed at the pace of the passage of the Bill through the Houses of the Oireachtas and, more importantly, the detail of the Bill which to date discriminates against suppliers of materials. This discrimination is inexplicable, given the lack of legal protection for material suppliers and the fact that it is often suppliers of building materials, including concrete, who are left unpaid on major projects. ICF fundamentally believes that payment bonds should be introduced into Irish legislation to protect suppliers of both labour and materials supplying publicly funded contracts. Similar legislation exists in the US and surely it is not beyond the imagination of legislators in Ireland to adopt similar legislation here.

Unfortunately the outlook for 2011 in the market place remains bleak for our members. Further contraction is likely as confidence in Ireland remains low and the Government reduces its public capital programme. While there is little sign of a levelling off in the fall in output, our industry must try to remain positive and address the challenges which face it. The ICF will continue to assist our members wherever possible to adapt with the new realities of a changed market place in which they operate.

## Representation & Policy Committees

As with any voluntary industry organisation, its strength and effectiveness depends on the input from its members and the output from its staff. Throughout 2010 the ICF, while operating in an extremely challenging economic climate, continued to professionally represent the industry to the best of its ability. The Federation is driven by its members through their involvement in the council, committee and regional structure of the Federation. I would like to thank all of those who participate in the Federation's activities in whatever way. It is this commitment to the overall good of our industry which sustains the organisation and will ensure its success into the future.

## Council

The ICF Council comprises of representatives of member companies and oversees the work programme of the Federation. In 2010 the Council was led by the President, Mr Christy Loughnane, of Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd and I would like to thank the President and council members for all of their time and support throughout 2010. The Council members in 2010 were:

Mr Christy Loughnane Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd

Mr Alan Haugh CPI Ltd

Mr Peter Gleeson Gleeson Quarries Ltd

Mr Frank Byrne Roadstone Wood Ltd\*

Mr Mark Guinan Cemex (ROI) Ltd

Mr Barry O'Reilly O'Reilly Brothers Ltd \*\*

Mr Finbarr O'Neill Finbarr O'Neill Ltd

Mr John Joe McGrath McGrath Limestone Works Ltd

Ms Caroline Quinn Concast Precast Group

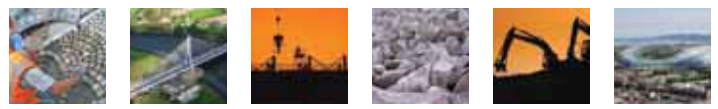
*\*Mr Frank Byrne resigned in 2010 and was replaced by:*

Mr Jim Farrell Roadstone Wood Ltd

*\*\*Mr Barry O'Reilly resigned in 2010 and was replaced by:*

Mr David Wright Wright Quarry Products

I would like to particularly thank Mr Frank Byrne, formerly Roadstone Wood and Mr Barry O'Reilly of O'Reilly Bros who both resigned from the Council in 2010. We are grateful to both Frank and Barry for their years of service on our Council.



In addition we welcome Ms Caroline Quinn, Mr Jim Farrell and Mr David Wright as new members of the Council.

The work of the Council, in addition to overseeing the work of the committees also involves the development of the Federation's future membership base and income stream. In 2010 we welcomed new members to the Federation; Keegan Quarries, S Kildea & Sons and Healy Bros. ICF will continue to develop its membership into the future, in order to increase its strength and influence with other stakeholders and Government organisations.

Under the leadership of the President, Christy Loughnane, the ICF also further developed its regional structure throughout 2010. In an attempt to bring the work agenda of all the committees of the Federation to the membership throughout the country it was decided that the ICF should develop quarterly briefings for its members in 6 regions throughout the country to educate the membership on all current issues on the ICF work agenda. As a result, 24 regional meetings were held throughout the year which has successfully increased the profile of the Federation among its existing membership and has also served as an opportunity to educate and inform many in our industry on issues including planning, environment, health and safety, technical and transport. ICF will continue to develop our regional structure throughout 2011 under the guidance of our Council.

A new addition to the ICF communications package has been the development of regular newsletters for members. Our issue tracker now goes to approximately 300 people in our industry and updates all members on a regular basis on some of the key regulatory and policy issues impacting on our industry.

### **Planning and Environment Committee**

Under the chairmanship of Mr Sean Loughnane, Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd and with the expertise of Liam Smyth, our Sustainability and Marketing Manager, the Planning and Environment Committee had yet another busy year in 2010. Planning and environmental issues are a very important part of the Federation's work programme and the ICF is seen as the authoritative voice of the industry by Government and indeed the European Commission in Brussels. In 2010, the long awaited Planning and Development (Amendment) Act was passed into law. This legislation is of major concern to our industry and the ICF made a detailed submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in

September on the guidelines which will accompany the commencement of the legislation. The ICF has strongly advocated the position that a consistent, fair and equitable treatment of our members is absolutely necessary in the interpretation and implementation of the new legislation by local authorities throughout the country. ICF has made many representations to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on this issue culminating in our submission in September. In addition we have also made representations to elected representatives throughout the year on the implementation of the legislation.

Throughout 2010 the ICF made submissions to all of the regional authorities on the regional planning guidelines outlining the key role which the extractive industry plays in the local economic, environmental and social network of the country. The issue of development contributions are continuously on the agenda for this committee and ICF made representations to a number of local authorities who had sought substantial increases in development contributions from quarries which, if implemented, would have severely impacted on the cost base of these businesses in the current climate. With the assistance of local members, ICF engaged in a very positive manner with local authorities in order to explain the impact of these decisions on our members, usually with a positive conclusion. ICF would encourage local authorities to refrain from introducing substantial increases in development contributions for the industry, particularly given the economic realities of the current marketplace.

During the year, ICF made a submission on the Extractive Waste Regulations 2009 to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. This submission dealt with interpretation of the regulations with respect to the management of site won topsoil, overburden and lagoon silts. We continue to assist our members in the implementation of this legislation on site.

Through its Archaeological Code of Practice with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, ICF continues to promote best practice among our membership in dealing with archaeology. However ICF has experienced difficulties in some local authorities with a lack of appreciation of the provisions of the Code of Practice. We will seek to ensure a greater awareness among local authorities' archaeologists of the provisions and the benefits of our Archaeological Code. ICF continues to meet with the

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Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on archaeological issues on a regular basis, represented by ICF project archaeologist, Dr Charles Mount.

In addition, ICF continued to promote the introduction of extractive industry guidelines for the preservation of architectural heritage. Such guidelines are very necessary as there is an ongoing absence of guidance in the area of architectural heritage for extractive development planning applications and ongoing operations. With the guidance of our Planning & Environment Committee, Dr Charles Mount has prepared draft guidelines which would eliminate the current uncertainty amongst all parties involved in the planning process in relation to the nature and scope of potential impacts and how these can be best mitigated. These guidelines were submitted to Minister Gormley and we will seek to progress the introduction of these guidelines with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Some ICF members scored notable successes when they received awards at the UEPG (European Aggregates Association) Sustainability Awards in 2010. Pride of place goes to McGrath Limestone Works in Cong, Co Mayo, which won the Environmental Best Practice Award for a small company in recognition of outstanding dedication to the environment. The company's quarry at Cong is located on an isthmus between Lough Mask and Lough Corrib in a very sensitive ecosphere. In addition, Roadstone Wood and B D Flood also won UEPG sustainable awards under the health and safety and economic pillars respectively.



*Pictured at the presentation of the UEPG Sustainability Award for outstanding dedication to the environment to McGrath Limestone Works (l to r): Mr Jim O'Brien, UEPG; Mr Liam Smyth, ICF; Mr John Joe McGrath, McGrath Limestone Works, Mr Pat O'Donnell, Earth Science Partnership, Prof Christian Niemann-Delius, Aachen University, Germany.*

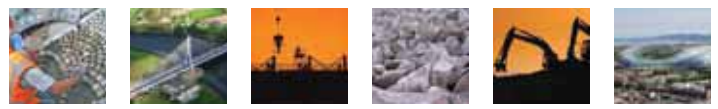


*Receiving a UEPG Sustainability Award on behalf of BD Flood (l to r): Mr Jim O'Brien, President UEPG; Ms Sophia Flood, BD Flood; Mr Liam Smyth, Sustainability & Marketing Manager, ICF.*

Members of the Planning and Environment Committee in 2010 were:

Sean Loughnane	Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd, Chairman
Brian Downes	Cemex (ROI) Ltd
Daniel Long	Roadstone Wood Ltd
David Tobin	Lagan Group
Fintan Coyle	Quinn Group
Stephen Linden	Quinn Group
Keith McGrath	McGrath Limestone Works Ltd
Naomi Cooper	CRH Plc
Ronan Griffin	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Vincent Flanagan	B D Flood Ltd
John Quirke	M F Quirke & Sons
Aidan Owens	Owens Concrete Ltd
Steve Tonry	Quinn Group

I would like to thank all members of the Committee and Diane O'Donoghue at the ICF for her work as Committee Secretary.



## Health and Safety Committee

The Health and Safety Committee was chaired by Mr Anthony Moran of Cemex (ROI) Ltd and its primary work in 2010 involved representations to Government agencies in relation to the administration of the Quarry Safety Certification Scheme and the maintenance of health and safety issues to the fore of our members' minds, particularly in the current economic environment.

Almost 2,000 employees in the quarrying industry have completed the Quarry Safety Certification Scheme (QSCS) which was introduced into our industry following the enactment of the Quarry Regulations in 2008. There has been difficulty with the administration of the Scheme, particularly in relation to the delay in the issuing of QSCS tickets to trainees. As a result, ICF met with FÁS and the Health and Safety Authority (HSA) on a number of occasions throughout the year in order to iron out these administrative difficulties where they arose. The ICF prepared detailed submissions to FÁS on issues arising from members' experience of QSCS training and will continue to work with FÁS in this area as the agency reviews course content throughout 2011.

The ICF were happy to support the first ever North/South Quarry Safety Conference which was held on 19th November. There was a great attendance at this event and the attendees heard a number of very high quality presentations on the day. The ICF would like to compliment the HSA, and indeed the Health and Safety Executive in Northern Ireland, for their support for this conference. It is very important for industry practitioners to always keep safety to the forefront in the current climate and events like the annual seminar are a great opportunity to disseminate best health and safety practice to the industry.



*Speakers and organisers at the first ever North - South Quarry Safety Conference organised by the Health & Safety Authority and the Health & Safety Executive (Northern Ireland) with special guest, DJ Carey.*



*ICF Chief Executive, Gerry Farrell addressing the Quarry Safety Conference.*

In August, ICF made a submission on the management of stockpiles and tips to the Health and Safety Authority. We look forward to the publication of guidance by the Authority on the management of stockpiles and tips in the near future.

The Federation also produced guidance for its members on health and safety issues arising in quarries to coincide with Quarry Safety Week which took place in October. The guidance included suggested initiatives for Quarry Safety Week to encourage quarry operators and managers to promote the safety message. ICF produced an information leaflet on examples of good practice and 10 steps for the safe management of quarries which was disseminated to all members. The ICF also coordinated a response to NEPSI on the collection of data which forms a part of the Social Dialogue Agreement on Workers' Health Protection through the Good Handling and Use of Crystalline Silica and Products Containing it.

The Federation also continued to support the work of the Quarry Safety Steering Committee where it was represented by Anthony Moran, Paul O'Mahoney and Eoin Kennedy. The Federation is also represented on a number of regional committees of the Health and Safety Authority.

The ICF continued to deliver quarry pass training specifically for contractors throughout 2010. In total the Federation ran 15 courses and would encourage all members to ensure that all contractors arriving on site are in possession of a valid quarry pass ticket.

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The members of the Health and Safety Committee in 2010 were as follows:

Mr Anthony Moran	Cemex (ROI) Ltd
Mr Adrian Maye	Harrington Concrete and Quarries
Mr Clive Kelly	Whelan Group (Ennis) Ltd
Mr John McWeeney	CRH Plc
Mr Michael Delaney	Killeshal Precast
Ms Niamh Joyce	Irish Industrial Explosives
Mr Paul O'Mahoney	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Shane Casey	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Vincent Flanagan	B D Flood Ltd
Mr Jody Guilfoyle	Lagan Group

I would like to thank all members of the Committee and in particular Health and Safety Manager, Eoin Kennedy, for his work on the Committee.

## Marketing and Promotion

The ongoing contraction in the industry has led to a substantial reduction in the marketing budget of the Federation. Despite this, the Federation maintains a highly targeted marketing programme focussed particularly at the self-build market in order to maintain concrete's image as the most sustainable building material. I would like at this stage to thank the members of Cement Manufacturers Ireland for their ongoing support for the activities of the Concrete Development Group.

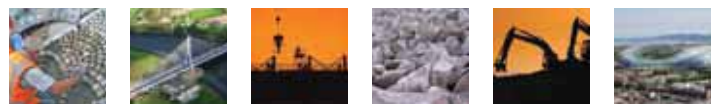
The ICF continued to promote the sustainability and energy efficiency credentials of concrete built homes throughout 2010. While the level of house building has reduced substantially, ICF is determined that concrete homes continue to dominate the self-build house building market. We continue to promote the "A Rated Energy Efficient Concrete Home" as the best answer to the needs of home builders of the present and the future. We will continue to promote the environmental, social and economic benefits of concrete homes such as energy efficiency, sound insulation, thermal mass, fire resistance, durability and water resistance. The continuous reduction in the embodied energy of concrete further enhances concrete's credentials as the most sustainable building material of choice.

ICF exhibited at the self-build shows in Galway, Cork and Dublin. In addition, we exhibited at the Energy

Show, the Sustainable Building Exhibition and Plan Expo. ICF was also happy to support the Irish Building Control Institute conference and "Environment Ireland" which is the annual conference of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



The education of our students is a high priority for ICF and throughout 2010 our Sustainability and Marketing Manager, Liam Smyth, presented to a number of universities, educational institutes and professional bodies on energy efficient concrete housing including UCD, TCD, Galway Mayo Institute of Technology, Waterford Institute of Technology and Tralee Institute of Technology as well as many regions of Engineers Ireland and Chartered Institute of Builders (CIOB). The Federation continued to support the building of a zero carbon emissions concrete house in Ireland. Construction on this ambitious project was practically completed in 2010 and the house has achieved the double target of zero carbon emissions from ongoing operational use and an A1 building energy rating. This means that there will be a zero carbon footprint from the energy used for space heating, lighting, hot water supply, ventilation and any motive power used to provide these services. The house is being constructed as the family home of Micheál O'Dowd of O'Dowd Landscaping Ltd in Mount Temple, near Moate in County Westmeath. Micheál's house is an exemplar project which clearly shows the ability of concrete to meet all future sustainability demands of the market place. The house highlights the benefits of air tightness, high thermal mass and excellent insulation and will promote the excellent durability, water resistant properties, sound insulation and fire resistant properties of concrete. Throughout the build, ICF members have made a significant contribution to the project by supplying readymix concrete, concrete blocks, concrete lintels, concrete flooring, concrete slates, external render, concrete rainwater catchment and foul water treatment systems and cement for on site mixing



of mortars. ICF has held a large number of organised visits for interested groups to the zero carbon emissions house throughout 2010. The Chartered Institute of Builders and the Irish Concrete Society visited the house early in 2010 while the Federation also hosted the midland region of Engineers Ireland at the house and I would like to thank Liam Smyth and Marcia Weldon for organising these visits.



*The ICF supported Zero Carbon Emissions House under construction.*

The members of the Concrete Development Group in 2010 were as follows:

Mr Alan Hanly	Hanly Group
Mr Andrew Goode	CEMEX (ROI) Ltd
Mr Brendan Lynch	Irish Cement
Mr Richard Bradley	Irish Cement
Mr Diarmuid McCarthy	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Declan Loane	Quinn Group
Mr Declan Butler	BD Flood
Mr Gareth McMeekin	Wright Quarry Products
Mr James Doody	Lagan Cement
Ms Marcia Weldon	ICMA
Mr Sean Corcoran	Corcoran Concrete
Mr Philip Thompson	Roadstone Wood Ltd

## Terms and Conditions of Sale Committee

The issue of bad debt is a major threat to the viability of many organisations operating in the construction industry in Ireland currently. ICF members are no different in this regard. A number of our members have suffered an intolerable level of bad debt, normally as a result of the collapse of building contractors leaving behind massive amounts of bad debts. This bad debt threatens the very existence of suppliers who have supplied their products to customers in the expectation of getting paid.

For this reason, ICF greatly welcomed the introduction into Seanad Éireann by Senator Fergal Quinn of the Construction Contracts Bill in May 2010. The legislation is well intended and must be delivered on in order to protect all suppliers. ICF met with a number of senators on the content of the Bill throughout 2010. In principle the Federation had two key points, the first being the need for the legislation to protect suppliers of materials as well as suppliers of labour. While the ICF fully supports the cause of sub-contractors and the need for legislation to protect them from bad debt, we are equally adamant that legislation is needed to protect suppliers of materials. Suppliers of materials are no less entitled to be paid than any other suppliers to construction projects and we have continuously reiterated this message to politicians at a local level. In November ICF met with Minister Martin Mansergh TD at which we outlined our position to him. The second key point raised by the ICF was the need for the introduction of payment bonds for contractors tendering for public projects. Similar bonds exist under the Miller Act in the United States and are there to protect all suppliers in the event of contractors not being in a position to pay their suppliers. ICF met with Fergal Quinn on two occasions during the year to outline our views to him and we are hopeful that the final legislation will reflect our concerns. ICF will continue to make representations on this legislation as it passes through the Houses of the Oireachtas in 2011.

In response to the difficulties encountered by members in getting paid, the ICF produced best practice guidelines for our industry on credit management in late 2009 and continued its dissemination throughout 2010. In the current climate “cash is king” and therefore the guidelines address the best methods of improving cash flow and managing credit.

In order to assist members in the legal options available to them in the pursuit of payment, the ICF held a number of bad debt clinics throughout 2010 for its members. We would like to thank Mr Brian Walker BL for his assistance in setting up these clinics.

Members of the Terms & Conditions of Sale Committee in 2010 were as follows:

Mr Peter Gleeson	Gleeson Quarries Ltd
Mr Ernie Bohan	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Fergus O'Hara	Hanlon Concrete Products Ltd
Mr Frank Bracken	Killeshal Precast Concrete Ltd
Mr James O'Connell	Ducon Concrete Ltd
Mr Joe Doyle	Ardfert Quarry Products Ltd
Mr John O'Carroll	Ardfert Quarry Products Ltd
Mr Oisín Seale	CEMEX (ROI) Ltd
Ms Onagh Murphy	Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd
Mr Pat McGrath	McGrath Limestone Works
Mr Paul Murphy	Dan Morrissey (Ireland) Ltd
Mr Peter Claydon	Harrington Concrete and Quarries
Mr Peter O'Shea	CEMEX (ROI) Ltd
Mr Thomas King	Wright Quarry Products Ltd
Mr Tom Gallagher	B D Flood Ltd
Mr Tony O'Sullivan	CPI Ltd
Ms Celine Earl	CPI Ltd
Mr Michael Feighery	Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd

I would like to thank the Chairman Peter Gleeson and all committee members for their work throughout 2010.

## Technical Committee

Influencing the development of product standards and the development of submissions on building regulations formed the main part of the ICF Technical Committee agenda during 2010. The Chairman of the Committee was Peter Deegan of Banagher Concrete.

A sub-committee of the Technical Committee was formed at the request of the National Standards Authority of Ireland to inform the development of 16 National Annexes for product standards in our industry. These National Annexes were subsequently released for public consultation and we would like to thank all the members of the sub-committee for their work under the guidance of Liam Smyth on these standards.

ICF also made submissions on revisions to Part L of the Building Regulations - Conservation of Fuel and Energy. The impact of the revision of Part L will see a 60% improvement in the primary energy efficiency of new

homes over 2005 Building Regulations. These changes will come into effect for planning applications made from late 2011. In addition, ICF made a submission on Part H of the Building Regulations - Drainage and Waste Water Disposal. Liam Smyth also participated on an expert group brought together by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in relation to Part E of the Building Regulations - Sound.

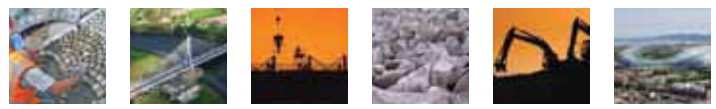
The ICF coordinated the response to an Irish Concrete Society survey on minimum cement contents and maximum water / cement ratios which arose from submissions made under a revision to IS EN206 in 2009. The results of the industry survey will be considered by the Irish Concrete Society to see if a recommendation for change in IS EN206 is advisable. Any such changes would then be considered by the NSAI Concrete Standards Consultative Committee.

In 2010 ICF engaged with the National Roads Authority (NRA) in relation to the revision of the "Series 800" specification. The outcome of the revision was the introduction of a new Clause 808 and Clause 809 which will be introduced for aggregates placed within 500mm of concrete and steel respectively. The final text of the revisions to "Series 800" will be published in mid-2011.

In late 2010 the Technical Committee developed guidelines on cold weather concreting for the members. This is as a result of the extreme conditions experienced in this country over the past two years. The issues raised in the guidelines included ground temperatures, concrete temperatures, air temperatures, concrete mix considerations, placing and curing and testing.

The members of the Technical Committee in 2010 were as follows:

Mr Peter Deegan	Banagher Concrete Ltd
Mr William Farrell	Killeshal Precast Concrete Ltd
Mr Trevor Moore	Kellys of Fantane Concrete Ltd
Mr Tom Holden	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Donal Crowley	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Dermot McCarthy	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Brendan Lynch	Irish Cement
Mr Richard Bradley	Irish Cement
Mr Peter Seymour	Ecocem
Mr Kevin Maguire	Quinn Group
Mr Joe Rice	Cemex (ROI) Ltd
Mr Gareth McMeekin	Wright Quarry Products



## Transport Committee

In 2010 the Department of Transport announced a review of truck weight limits for heavy goods vehicles and invited submissions from interested parties. ICF made a submission on the issue and met with the Department on a number of occasions. ICF sought an increase in the maximum gross weight of a 4-axle rigid vehicle from 32 tonnes to 35 tonnes. Unfortunately this position was rejected by the Department. The ICF did however succeed in influencing an increase in the maximum gross weight of a 4-axle rigid and 2-axle trailer combination to 44 tonnes and this will come into effect from May 2011. The ICF Transport Committee will also closely monitor a high level study to be carried out by the Department of Transport to assess the impact of an increase in the maximum weight limit for 6-axle vehicles from 44 tonnes to 46 tonnes and a corresponding permanent increase in the limit of a 5-axle vehicle to 42 tonnes. ICF fully supports these two proposed changes and will monitor progress on this issue in 2011.

In October representatives of the ICF Transport Committee met with An Garda Síochána for the annual meeting between the two organisations. The ICF would like to thank An Garda Síochána for their helpful and open manner in advising the industry of feedback from its members on the transport operations of our members. The ICF also monitored the development of the Working Time Directive in Brussels where the EU Parliament refused to back the EU Commission proposal to continue the exemption of self employed mobile workers from the Working Time Directive. Originally self employed drivers did not come under the remit of the Working Time Directive.

The Transport Committee awaits final publication by the Health and Safety Authority of the statutory code of practice for transport operators (3 employees or less). This code of practice had been developed by the ICF Health and Safety and Transport Committees in 2009 and submitted to the Health and Safety Authority at that time.

The Chairman of the Transport Committee was Christy Loughnane of Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Limited and the members of the Committee were as follows:

Mr Christy Loughnane	Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd
Mr Gary McNally	Cemex (ROI) Ltd
Ms Rosemary Byrne	Cemex (ROI) Ltd
Mr Jim Farren	Roadstone Wood Ltd
Mr Maurice O'Connor	Roadstone Wood Ltd

Mr Peter McTernan    CPI

Mr Richie McDonnell    Roadstone Wood Ltd

## Seminars and Briefings

The ICF holds regular briefings for its members on all issues impacting on the industry. In March 2010 the Federation held a management seminar for all members on the current economic climate and its impact on the aggregates and concrete manufacturing sector. The ICF would like to thank Mr Rossa White of Davy Stockbrokers, Dr Tom Kelly of Teagasc, Mr Tony O'Brien of Grant Thornton and Mr Tom Costello of John Sisk & Son Limited for their presentations. In addition, Mr Peter Gleeson and Mr Liam Smyth made presentations to members on best practice in credit control and planning legislation for quarries respectively.

The Federation held a further briefing for its members on the new planning legislation for quarries following its AGM in July. ICF would also like to thank Mr Colin Feely, Partner, Grant Thornton who gave a briefing to all of our regions in September on achieving break-even, restructuring and dealing with banks.

## Communications

The ability of any trade organisation to communicate with its members is key to its success. Throughout 2010 ICF continued to develop its communications with members by the development of regional meetings which are held 4 times a year in each of its 6 regions. These meetings are well attended by members and offer members the opportunity to hear at first hand of the work agenda of the Federation at a venue and location suitable to facilitate maximum attendance. In addition the ICF produces its regular newsletter which is a snapshot of all of the issues currently being addressed by ICF committees and staff. The Federation's website hosts a substantial amount of information on concrete products, concrete homes and the ICF itself.

## Europe

The ICF is a member of UEPG, the European Aggregates Association and ERMCO, the European Readymixed Concrete Organisation. In March 2010 the ICF was happy to host the four UEPG committee meetings over a two day period in Portmarnock Golf and Country Club, Co Dublin. The meetings were attended by almost 50 representatives of the European aggregates industry who were attending UEPG's environmental, health and safety, technical and economic committees. Gerry Farrell is the ICF representative on the UEPG committees and the organisation's president is Mr Jim O'Brien, formally of CRH, who is an ICF nominee to UEPG.

Mr Sean Loughnane of Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd, Chairman of the ICF Planning and Environmental Committee, made a presentation to the UEPG Environmental Committee. In addition Mr Anthony Moran who chairs the ICF Health and Safety Committee, presented to the UEPG Health and Safety Committee while Tom Holden, a member of the ICF Technical Committee, made a presentation to the UEPG Technical Committee. ICF would like to express its gratitude to CRH for their sponsorship of the dinner which accompanied the committee meetings which was held in Clontarf Castle, Dublin.



*Anthony Moran, CEMEX, Gerry Farrell, ICF and Jim O'Brien, UEPG at the UEPG committee meetings in Dublin.*

ICF is also represented on the Board of ERMCO, the European Readymixed Concrete Organisation. In 2010 Mr Frank Byrne was replaced by Mr Jim Farrell as the ICF representative on the Board. The ICF will continue to support the work of both ERMCO and UEPG in order to ensure that the industry's views are well represented to the EU institutions in Brussels whilst also ensuring that relevant information and guidance emanating from our European organisations can be used by the Irish industry domestically.

## Annual Dinner

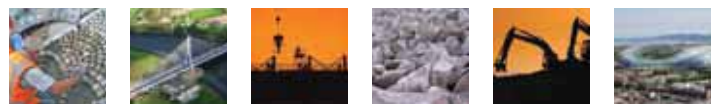
The ICF golf outing and annual dinner took place in the Citywest Hotel from 7-8th May. The ICF would like to thank its hosts in Citywest for their assistance in organising our event and I would like to thank all members for attending our dinner. In particular ICF would like to thank our sponsors for their continuous support for the social weekend, including Irish Cement, Lagan Cement, Quinn Cement, Cemex and Independent Concrete Control Management (ICCM). We would like to congratulate all the golfers who took part in our golf competition and we look forward to welcoming them back to future events.

## Links with other organisations

As a representative organisation, ICF greatly values the links it has developed with other organisations and stakeholders within our industry. Our ability to best represent our industry can only be enhanced by the development of positive relationships with statutory and non-statutory organisations and in this respect ICF would like to thank all of the organisations with whom it interacted in 2010 in particular the following:

- Department of Transport
- Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
- Department of Agriculture and Food
- The National Roads Authority
- The Road Safety Authority
- All Local Authorities
- An Garda Síochána
- An Bord Pleanála
- Health and Safety Authority
- FAS
- Environmental Protection Agency
- An Taisce
- National Standards Authority of Ireland
- Geological Survey of Ireland
- The Health and Safety Executive (Northern Ireland)
- Athlone Institute of Technology and all other educational institutions
- Engineers Ireland
- Irish Concrete Society
- Irish Building Control Institute
- Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
- UEPG
- ERMCO
- Cement Manufacturers Ireland
- Quarry Products Association (Northern Ireland)
- Mineral Products Association (UK)

The ICF looks forward to developing ongoing positive relations with all of these organisations and developing links with other industry stakeholders.



## Bachelor of Engineering and Quarry Management

The ICF would like to congratulate all graduates in Bachelor of Engineering in Quarry Management in 2010. The degrees were presented at an award ceremony held on October 22nd in Athlone Institute of Technology. In particular ICF would like to thank all of the recipients of their degrees who are employed by members of the Federation. These were:

- Mr Gareth Cassidy, Churchill Stone
- Mr Michael McGrath, McGrath Limestone Works
- Mr Martin Mulligan, Cemex Hillstreet
- Mr James Sheehan, Cemex Rossmore

In addition ICF would also like to congratulate Mr Andrew Ellis of Gypsum Industries who won the ICF sponsored award for the best student in Quarry Management.



*Pictured receiving his award for Best Student in Quarry Management ICF (Bachelor of Engineering & Quarry Management) in Athlone Institute of Technology from Gerry Farrell, Chief Executive, ICF was Mr. Andrew Ellis, Gypsum Industries, with Austin Hanley, Head of School of Engineering AIT and Fergal Sweeney, Head of Dept of Engineering AIT.*

## Conclusion

2010 was the third successive year of contraction in the Irish aggregate and concrete products industry. The ongoing and continuous contraction has presented many challenges for the ICF and its members. However these are challenges which the ICF are continuously meeting head on. It is a well known fact that the activity of a trade association is often inversely related to the activity in the market place of its members. This is clearly borne out in the work programme of our Federation, which has not declined in a measureable way despite the ongoing contraction in members' activities.

The success of any trade association is down to two key factors – the continued support from its members and the professionalism of its staff. Support from members is quantifiable in many different ways. Attendance at our briefings, seminars and regional meetings have always remained strong thereby ensuring that the work of the Federation is seen by all members. However the voluntary participation in the Federation's council and committee structure is undoubtedly the key to the Federation's continued success. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of those employed in our member companies who participate on our committees and council. I would like to thank in particular the President of the ICF, Mr Christy Loughnane, of Loughnane Concrete (Birr) Ltd and all of the Council for their support for the staff and the Federation throughout 2010. Similarly I would like to thank all the Chairmen of the committees who drive the work programme of the organisation. I can assure you that their work on behalf of their industry does not go unnoticed and will contribute to ensuring that our industry will both change and survive in order to meet the demands of the future.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the ICF in Newlands Cross. Not unlike 2009, the past year saw substantial changes internally within the ICF structure and I would like to thank all of the staff for their ongoing professional work for the organisation. The financial constraints arising from the downturn in construction has forced a downsizing of the Federation staff. However this has not impaired our ability to represent our industry in an effective and professional manner due to the flexibility and commitment by all on the ICF team. On behalf of the industry that they represent, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for their efforts.

**Gerry Farrell**  
**ICF Chief Executive.**

# Irish Concrete Federation Limited

(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

## Report and Financial Statements

### Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### **Independent auditors' report to the members of Irish Concrete Federation**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 10.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 3.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with Irish statute comprising the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2009. We state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit, and whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account. We also report to you our opinion as to:

- whether the company has kept proper books of account; and
- whether the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not disclosed and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2010 and of its results and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2009.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report on pages 3 to 4 is consistent with the financial statements.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers**  
**Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors**  
**Dublin**  
**28 June 2011**

# Income & Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31 December 2010

	2010	2009
	€	€
Income	538,197	672,542
Expenditure	<u>(631,864)</u>	<u>(1,046,908)</u>
<b>Operating (deficit)</b>	<b>(93,667)</b>	<b>(374,366)</b>
Interest receivable	14,617	26,080
Bank interest and charges	<u>(472)</u>	<u>(680)</u>
<b>(Deficit) for year before taxation</b>	<b>(79,522)</b>	<b>(348,966)</b>
Taxation	<u>(3,654)</u>	<u>(8,520)</u>
<b>(Deficit) for the year after taxation</b>	<b><u>(83,176)</u></b>	<b><u>(357,486)</u></b>

## Statement of Movement in Accumulated Reserves

Year Ended 31 December 2010

	2010	2009
	€	€
At 1 January 2010	480,459	837,945
(Deficit) for year	<u>(83,176)</u>	<u>(357,486)</u>
<b>At 31 December 2010</b>	<b><u>397,283</u></b>	<b><u>480,459</u></b>

All of the company's activities are classed as continuing. The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the deficit above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

## Balance Sheet

31 December 2010

	2010	2009
	€	€
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	<u>38,799</u>	<u>48,685</u>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors and prepayments	351,042	350,765
Cash at bank	<u>326,089</u>	<u>547,659</u>
	677,131	898,424
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(219,227)</u>	<u>(367,230)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b><u>457,904</u></b>	<b><u>531,194</u></b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b><u>496,703</u></b>	<b><u>579,879</u></b>
<b>Financed by</b>		
Contributions to capital set-up costs	99,420	99,420
Reserves	<u>397,283</u>	<u>480,459</u>
	<u>496,703</u>	<u>579,879</u>

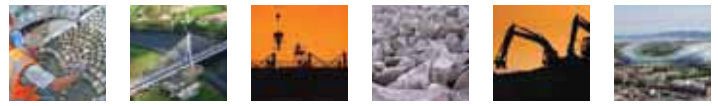
On behalf of the board

Christopher Loughnane  
James Farrell

## Irish Concrete Federation Key Objectives

The key objectives as contained in the Constitution and in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Irish Concrete Federation are as follows:

- (a) To represent its members individually and collectively.
- (b) To maintain contacts with relevant Government Departments, Semi-State, Professional and Trade organisations so as to ensure that the interests of members are promoted to the greatest possible extent.
- (c) To disseminate amongst its members information on issues and developments which affect them.
- (d) To act as spokesperson for its members and the Industry.
- (e) To develop and maintain contacts with the media to ensure that the public are accurately informed about the activities of the Federation.
- (f) To co-operate, assist, act in conjunction with, amalgamate or affiliate with, or subscribe to any association, federation, institution or other organisation upon such terms and conditions as may from time to time be agreed upon by the Federation or its Council.
- (g) To obtain from Government Departments, Local Authorities, Public Bodies, Consultants, Building Contractors, Civil Engineering Contractors and Merchants' Associations and all other bodies and persons fair and equitable treatment for members in relation to conditions of sale, bills of quantities, conditions of contract, specifications, supply of materials or any other matter, and to protect the interests of members in respect of any such matters.
- (h) To examine all proposed legislation or Ministerial Orders or EU Law or Measures which may affect or tend to affect the Commercial Interest of the Concrete Products Industry, and if considered necessary or advisable to take steps to support or oppose the same.
- (i) To raise and maintain a Common Fund and/ or such General or Special Reserve Fund or Funds as may from time to time be decided to be applied and used in carrying out the objects of the Federation and if necessary to borrow money with or without security and to charge or mortgage the property of the Federation to secure repayment of the same.
- (j) To provide advice and assistance to members in Insurance, Economic, Quality, Technical, Health & Safety, Planning & Environmental Affairs.
- (k) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above mentioned objects or any of them.



## Irish Concrete Federation Publications



### **Concrete Today**

Concrete Today is the Irish Concrete Federation magazine.



### **Geological Heritage Guidelines for the Extractive Industry**

Guidelines for ICF members on Geological Heritage.



### **ICF Drivers Handbook**

Drivers Handbook published by ICF Transport Committee.



### **Concrete Products Directory**

A nationwide database of Irish concrete product producers.



### **Comprehensive Fire Protection and Safety with Concrete**

How concrete can be used to provide comprehensive fire protection.



### **Concrete and Energy Efficient Buildings**

How concrete can be used to provide energy efficient buildings.



### **The A-Rated Energy Efficient Concrete Home**

How to build an A-Rated energy efficient concrete home.

***Thermal Mass and Sustainable Building***

The use of the thermal mass of concrete structures to enhance thermal performance and occupant comfort.

***Precast Concrete Frames Guide***

Introduction to precast concrete frames.

***Precast Concrete Ideas, Products and Solutions***

A profile of the Irish Precast Concrete Association members.

***The ICF Environmental Code***

ICF members' Environmental Code of Practice.

***Code of Practice for Transport Operations***

Guidance document for concrete industry transport operators, owners and drivers.

***Archeological Code of Practice***

Code of Practice for ICF members on archaeology.

***The New Concrete Standards - Introduction to IS EN206***

Introduction to the Irish Standard for Concrete.

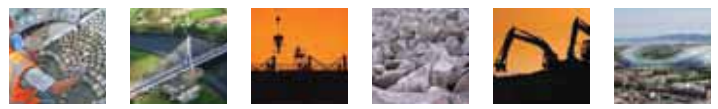
***Fire Safe Concrete***

Outlines the many advantages of masonry/concrete house construction.

***Building Concrete Homes***

Outlines the benefits of owning and building a concrete home.





## Irish Concrete Federation Council Members 2010

Mr Christy Loughnane (President)  
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Co Offaly

Mr Alan Haugh  
CPI Ltd  
Lucan  
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Tallaght  
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Poulavone  
Ballincollig  
Co Cork

Mr Barry O'Reilly \*\*  
O'Reilly Brothers Ltd  
Kingscourt  
Co Cavan

Mr Peter Gleeson  
Gleeson Quarries Ltd  
Laffansbridge, Thurles,  
Co Tipperary

*\* Resigned September 2010*

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*\*\* Resigned November 2010*

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