

AEA Technology to enable aggregate truck drivers to be greener and safer**19 May 2008**

AEA Technology ('AEA') has been awarded a major new government-funded contract worth up to £850,000 to manage a driver-development programme to support greener and safer driving amongst truck drivers in the aggregates sector.

This contract extends AEA's role managing programmes within the Department for Transport's Safe and Fuel Efficient Driving (SAFED) scheme which aims to encourage driving techniques that improve safety and save fuel, thereby cutting costs and CO₂ emissions. The SAFED programmes have been immensely popular and successful over recent years, assisting more than 13,500 truck drivers and 9,500 van drivers.

Aggregates truck drivers achieve an average of 12% improvement in miles per gallon by participating in SAFED. The £850,000 will part fund development for additional trainers and up to 5,000 more drivers up to March 2010, subject to annual review. To benefit operators must carry out 50% of their time or mileage on aggregate haulage.

AEA's Programme Director Chris Fry said, 'We are looking forward to working with aggregate companies who will be able to secure significant reductions in fuel costs and improved safety with SAFED. It is another example of how AEA is working with industry and government to tackle climate change through well designed eco-driving programmes.'

AEA's role managing SAFED programmes includes promoting the concept, distributing government funds, running a website and helpline, developing trainer networks, generating case studies and monitoring the benefits to successfully embed SAFED in industry practice in the longer term.

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Notes to Editors:

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