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Meadow Energy Rating complete first 100 Energy Performance Certificates for Newly Constructed Dwellings

Neil Morris of Meadow Energy Ratings was the first BRE Global accredited Domestic Energy Assessor for Newly Constructed Dwellings and has just issued his 100th certificate.

Speaking from his offices in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire Neal reflects on what has been a very busy three months,

“Many of my clients knew they were due to complete dwellings in April and May which were already sold off plan. With the tough economic situation they were keen to ensure the EPCs were completed to ease legal completions and handover to clients.”

Under Government legislation it is now a legal requirement for all newly constructed dwellings to have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) for legal completion. The EPC can only be generated from the SAP Assessment and is lodged on a central register with Landmark. www.landmark.co.uk The EPC gives homeowners a clear indication of the performance of their new home and, with rising fuel costs, will become an important sales and marketing tool for builders and developers.

Only accredited assessors are permitted to produce Energy Performance Certificates for new dwellings completed after 6 April 2008. Despite the current economic downturn the Government's own target for 2 million new homes by 2016 (3 million by 2020) means Neil is likely to be quite busy in coming months. It is an important step in the industry to ensure SAP assessments (the assessment to meet Building Regulations Energy Efficiency compliance) are produced by suitably accredited professionals. Neil believes the BRE scheme is one of the most stringent, examining all aspects of the applying company's business on a professional and technical level.

“ The BRE Global accreditation includes a thorough examination of our business operation checking and testing our competency and will continue to do so with annual auditing.”

“We've worked hand in hand with numerous clients from the self builder who didn't even know the assessments were required to international consultancies who need specialist support by accredited professionals like us. Overnight we've evolved from a cottage industry to a very critical professional role in the construction process.”

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