



ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER NETWORK

Dear Liverymen and Freemen,

As you know the Water Conservators are developing a relationship with the Environmental Knowledge Transfer Network (KTN). This is a network of business people, academics, regulators and government officials whose role is to promote the development and uptake of new technologies in the environmental area. It also informs government policies in this area. The priority focus of the KTN is water and waste management along with their associated industries so it ties in well with our Company's aims.

As reported previously the Company sponsored a conference on potential Tamiflu residues in the water supply in the event of mass vaccination during a possible bird flu epidemic. Past Master Gerald Noone attended and spoke on behalf of the Company. As a result of this conference, the government is now undertaking serious research in this area, again as we reported recently. This is a good example of the influence we can have.

I believe that involvement with the KTN could be a useful way for those Company members who are interested to tap into longer term technological developments and policies in water and related environmental areas. Conversely the KTN has made it clear that they would greatly welcome the expertise which members of the Conservators could bring.

The Environmental KTN is holding a reception at the House of Commons reception from 4.00pm to 6.00pm on Thursday 13 March. 4 or 5 members of the Company are already attending this and the KTN would be delighted if a few more wished to attend. If you are interested in attending please contact Wendy Claye either by email at wendy.claye@earth.ox.ac.uk or by telephoning 01865 610500 by Friday, 29th February and she will arrange for you to receive a formal invitation.

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