

### **Gas Quality Industry Group**

On 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 the Regulatory Authorities held a workshop on the Gas Quality Consultation. At this workshop industry participants requested that industry examine the technical details of the Consultation more closely. Accordingly, the Regulatory Authorities wish to establish the Gas Quality Industry Group.

The purpose of this group will be to evaluate the technical evidence currently available in order to assess the safety concerns in relation to appliances and the operational difficulties in relation to power generation associated with a gas quality specification outside the GS(M)R (NI). The other issues raised in the Consultation Paper may also be addressed by the Group in addition to any issues arising from its discussions. However, its primary purpose is to assess the issue of safety in relation to gas quality. The Group will meet for a period of three months, and will submit its report to the Regulatory Authorities at the end of this three month period. The Regulatory Authorities intend to make a decision on gas quality by the end of 2008.

The Regulatory Authorities consider it appropriate that the group have no more than 12 members, and may therefore restrict membership of the Group. In selecting members of the group the Regulatory Authorities wish to ensure that each constituency of the gas industry (both in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland) is represented. Specifically representation is sought from:

- Relevant Statutory Bodies
- System Operators
- Upstream Producers & Operators
- Gas-Fired Power Generators
- Gas Shippers/Suppliers

If you wish to participate in the Group please confirm your interest, with the name and contact details of the participant by **close of business, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2008**.

It is proposed that the first meeting be held in Cork on the afternoon of **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2008** (after the Code Modification Forum) and the Group's report will be submitted Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2008. At this first meeting the Group's terms of reference, work plan and method of working will be agreed.