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Unification would aid industry

■ EFIA executive suggests way forward

A suggestion that the industry could be moving towards a unified representative organisation has come from the EFIA.

In an exclusive interview with *Perimeter Systems* Alison Payne, general secretary of the EFIA - European Fencing Industry Association, makes it clear that the organisation sees merit in there being 'a single unified voice for the industry.'

She says that it could act as a powerful vehicle for engaging with external bodies.

'Economically and logistically it is a no-brainer,' she said.

In April, the newly elected chairman of the Fencing Contractors Association, Adam Binns suggested that there should be closer links between industry representative bodies.

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Nice training centre is hi-tech platform to aid industry

■ Open days show off £35,000 facility

A £35,000 investment in tailor made training facilities is seen as part of the evolution for Nice UK.

The company's Nottinghamshire headquarters can now boast some of the most up-to-date training options after the transformation of some of its ground floor offices.

'This gives another string to our bow,' said Ian Alderson, managing director of Nice UK. 'We have never previously had 'made-to-measure' training facilities on this site, but that has now changed and we can offer a wide range of services to our customers and the industry.'

With both an operational section and adjacent study centre, the facility has taken some six months to design and build. It opened last

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Managing Director, Nice UK

month when it was first used by the DHF Powered Gate Group for gate safety diploma training.

'We have not simply looked at what it can do for us, but looked at a wider picture of what it can offer the industry as it continues to move forward on safety.'



On show: Nice UK staff played host during the two open days

Nice UK is a founder member of the DHF Powered Gate Group that has been instrumental in introducing training and safety guidelines to the industry through its diploma accreditation.

Work on the facility began early this year and attention was paid to incorporating two separate areas. One where there are working examples and a desk based lecture section. Experiences learned at the company's facilities at its head office in Treviso, Italy acted as a basis for the UK design team.

'We looked at what worked there and were able to integrate some of those into the facility at Mansfield,' said Alderson. 'Having an engineered based facility with working examples was essential to help with training. Installers want to be able to see how products work; what makes them tick and practical examples of best practice installation.'

Two separate open days were

being staged by the company to show off the facility to customers and invited contractors. This came after it was 'baptised' with a two-day gate safety diploma training led by the DHF.

'This is not only a facility for customers,' said Alderson. 'It is a facility that can play a part in making the industry safer. We are committed to gate safety and playing whatever part we can in ensuring the industry becomes safer each day. As manufacturers, we are focused on making safe products and we need to ensure that installers are fully trained and conversant with the latest safety guidelines.'

'This is not just simply a Nice UK facility, it is another part in the safety jigsaw that is important for the future of the industry. We take our responsibilities over safety very seriously and this investment is yet more proof of Nice UK being part of the gate safety campaign' ■



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