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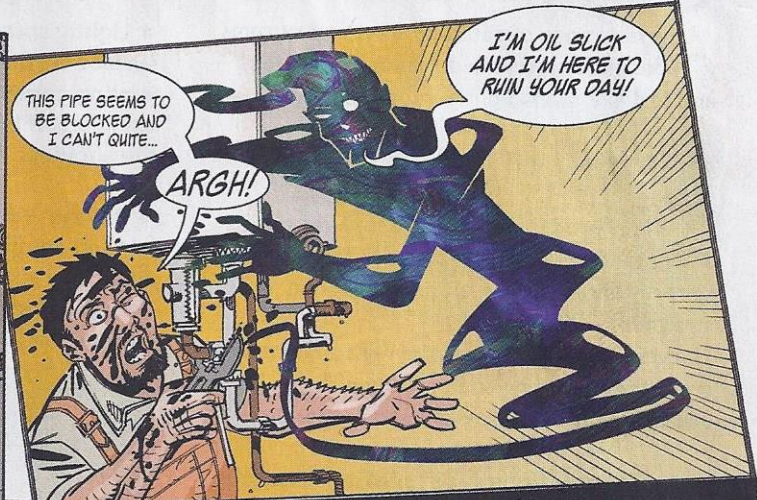
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VAT'S YOUR LOT!

The European Court of Justice has dealt a blow to the UK Government's policy of applying a reduced rate of VAT for the supply and installation of energy-saving measures, such as micro-combi boilers, insulation or solar panels.

In a judgment published in June, following the European Commission's decision to take the UK to Court over failure to comply with the European VAT Directive, the Court decided that the supply and installation of 'energy-saving materials' in the housing sector did not fall into any of the categories in which a reduced VAT rate



(currently 5% in the UK) can apply.

The judgment means that VAT on energy-saving

materials will have to be charged at the UK standard rate (currently 20%), a decision which will likely impact consumers, housing associations, charities and not-for-profit organisations that are unable to recover VAT on underlying costs.

For more information visit
curia.europa.eu

CHILD'S PLAY

Stay Safe, Stay Away is a multi-award winning and increasingly popular campaign that the National Federation of Builders (NFB) promotes annually.

Each year, children are injured on building sites and the NFB works with schools and its construction company members to increase awareness of potential hazards and improve child safety.

Tony Leach, Health, Safety and Environment Director at NFB member Keepmoat, said: "Keepmoat is fully supportive of this scheme; the safety of staff, site visitors and those in the communities we work in is of paramount importance to us.

**STAY SAFE,
STAY AWAY FROM
BUILDING SITES**



"As we work within existing communities, it's inevitable that we will be working within close proximity to schools and family homes. It is vital that young people are educated about the risks and understand the importance of not playing on, or near construction sites, and this scheme helps to raise awareness with children in a fun and engaging way. We look forward to working with the NFB to roll this out!"

For more information visit
www.dhfonline.org.uk

Healthy Home Mark

Effective, continuous and sustained mechanical ventilation has been identified as being integral to the maintenance of healthy indoor air, and the health of occupants, within new and existing homes.

However, a new survey of over 5,000 UK residents has identified that just 8% have a continuous mechanical ventilation system in place.

In light of this, Beama is taking action to help protect and improve indoor air quality, and the health of future generations, by launching the 'Healthy Home Mark' campaign. The campaign calls for support of a 'Healthy Home Mark' in all new homes to allow home buyers to identify that the dwelling has been fitted with effectively installed continuous mechanical ventilation, which delivers healthy indoor air.

A key factor in the effectiveness of continuous mechanical ventilation, including MVHR (Mechanical Ventilation with Heat Recovery), is correct installation by trained and experienced installers plus the provision of high quality user information and guidance for home owners.

For more information visit www.imeche.org



GRIMEFIGHTING SUPERHEROES

Every builder has been caught in a grimy spot, whether it's an accidental spill, an exploding can of PU foam or just the need to ditch the dirt after a hard day's graft.

Now there are a pair of grime-fighting superheroes – Big Wipe and Power Spray – who will come to your rescue whenever it's time to scrub up and we're featuring their adventures in the pages of Professional Builder.

"We wanted this campaign to show that when it comes to fighting grime, Big Wipes really are the guardian angels of the trade," explains MD Nigel Dibbo.

More information www.bigwipes.com

DOUBLE TOPS

Fermacell, specialist manufacturer of building boards has signed up two equally high-performing darts professionals to help spread the message to professional builders.

The company is sponsoring PDC professionals Dean Winstanley, who is ranked 26th in the world, and Daryl "Dude" Gurney, who is eyeing up a world up place alongside Brendan Dolan, on a 12-month contract which includes them being badged up for live TV events and floor tournaments.

The sponsorship was unveiled during a fun-packed afternoon in Birmingham where more than 20 Fermacell customers and employees took on the professionals, hosted by top TV MC Paul Booth.

For more information visit
www.fermacell.co.uk

