



**Meeting with Lord Mandelson  
27 November 2008**

**CEA STATEMENT**

CEA Management Council member and President of the Committee for European Construction Equipment (CECE), Dr Tim Leverton (Group Engineering Director, JCB) met with Lord Mandelson, Ian Pearson MP and BERR officials. The meeting was welcomed as a constructive and open dialogue which gave Dr Leverton an opportunity to brief Lord Mandelson on the unprecedented challenges now facing the construction equipment sector.

Dr Leverton stated, "The meeting provided a good forum for the construction equipment and wider automotive industry to give some valued information and feedback to the Secretary of State. It was agreed that we would jointly address a range of solutions, not least the effects of an extreme lack of liquidity in the system, as a matter of urgency. All parties were intent on improving the situation for both OEMs and our crucial supply base. I was also able to raise the continuing problem of illegal non-compliant plant entering the EU - and the need for greater flexibility in the introduction of emissions standards".

The lobby of BERR is part of a wider campaign co-ordinated by CECE, who have confirmed that EU Commission Vice-President Gunther Verheugen has this week agreed to a meeting to discuss pan-European solutions.

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