

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**BOARD MEETING ON 18 JUNE 2009**

**ITEM 13**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

<b>MAY</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup>	RDA Chairs meeting with Ministers followed by Rural Digital Round Table to discuss the benefits that the BBC brings to the area (Southampton and to the South) including education, community issues and civic pride
19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Chairman's Visit to Libya to recognise the types of companies and services/products that are most needed to fill capability and capacity gaps in the Libyan market. Visit attended by Bob Heathfield, Chairman, South East Centre for the Built Environment.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Ken Wills, CEO of Commercial Group Properties to discuss China Gateway and meeting with Thanet District Council and East Kent Opportunities
28 <sup>th</sup>	Southampton BBC Trust Business Breakfast to discuss the benefits that the BBC brings to the area of Southampton and to the South of England
<b>JUNE</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dinner with ██████████ and ██████████ in Arundel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	South East Economic Delivery Council meeting with Jonathan Shaw, Regional Minister for the South East, David Edwards South East Director of The Homes and Communities Agency and representatives from Barclays Bank to report the positive discussions had at the South East Financial Service Forum and discuss lending to businesses and finance to developers and house builders and seek insight into plans for redundancies across the South East region. Meeting with John Harvey, Editor of South East Business magazine Meeting with ██████████ and ██████████
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Environment Agency Board Meeting with Debbie Goldthorpe - the Chief Operating Officer and the Senior Business Director of Africa Matters Launch of Report of The Commission on Environmental Markets and Economic Performance Dinner with Caxton Group, consisting of the Public Affairs or Government relations representatives of 21 companies, most of them FTSE 100 companies. - Liz Hewitt, Chair of the

	Group asked SEEDA Chair to speak about the regional development agencies and UK trade promotion.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Attending PCF Board Dinner with Admiral Mark Stanhope and Zenna Atkins to discuss SEEDA's engagement with the Portsmouth Naval Base
5 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with [REDACTED] Rail Advisor to DP World's London Gateway project Meeting at Manston with Mr Lu Yuexing, Vice Governor, Pudong New Area's People Government, to discuss SEEDA's regeneration activities
10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception with High Commissioner of Malta Mr Joseph Zammit Tabona.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Attending Volunteer Action Group
12 <sup>th</sup>	Attending Farnham Castle Board and Annual General Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Williams Hybrid Power in Wantage to understand its technology, where it can be applied and how SEEDA and partners can assist in its development to enable the business to expand in the South East Design and Innovation dinner in Oxford