

Late payments still an issue

Speaking at a recent conference, ASUCplus Chairman Roger Boddy fulfilled his election pledge to raise awareness of the issues concerning supply chain payment. Delays of 90 days and more were putting the viability of some member companies in jeopardy.

In the question and answer session, following his presentation at the Post Magazine's Subsidence event, it became clear that the audience considered much of the blame for the delays could be attributed to loss adjusters. It was agreed that with take-overs reducing the number of firms and cuts in staffing levels the delays had become unacceptable and the whole process needed to be reviewed and streamlined.

The industry was trying to gear up for the expected surge in claims following the exceptionally dry weather, but late payments had a knock-on effect on company's abilities to train and retain the skilled workforce necessary to meet the demands of insurers.

Recognising the importance of this issue, the Subsidence Forum has agreed to place it on its agenda for the forthcoming year. As it appeared to be both an awareness and communication issue, the broad base of the Forum's membership made it an ideal arena in which all parties concerned could seek a resolution to the difficulties.

ASUCplus, which represents the major subsidence repair companies, will also continue to challenge current payment practices on behalf of their members. For more information and full details of members go to www.asuc.org.uk

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