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ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY RENEWS CONTRACT WITH DRIVING SERVICES.

Driving Services have successfully renewed their contract to offer Motor Fleet Risk Management Services to The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). In June 2005 they held a three day Motor Fleet Risk Management Workshop facilitated by Doug Jenkins and Dave Caldwell from Driving Services, and attended by 6 selected operating companies. The objective of the Workshop was to outline how, as a Company they could improve the management, safety and control of motor fleet risks within ADNOC and ADNOC Group companies' operations. The workshop involved role plays and theory sessions on how to implement safe driving policies, how drivers could be risk assessed and how driver training could be

implemented for operations or activities that were critical to the business. The workshop provided an excellent opportunity for interaction between representatives from the participating companies and culminated in comprehensive action plans being formulated. Progress is being followed up in a return visit to the Emirates within the next few months.

BETTER ROAD SAFETY ACROSS THE EU BENEFITS BRITISH TRAVELLERS

All 25 member states of the European Union vowed to continue the drive to reduce the number of people killed and injured on Europe's roads. The pledge - made at a Europe-wide road safety conference 'Lifelong Learning for Road Safety' co-hosted by the UK, as European Union President, and Italy - aims to see improvements in road safety across the EU in support of the EU target to reduce road deaths by 50% by 2010.

The theme of the conference was the need to promote improved road safety for all road users. Co-chairing the event, UK transport minister Dr Stephen Ladyman reiterated the UK Government's commitment to improving road safety and highlighted that better road safety across Europe also benefits Britain.

Stephen Ladyman said: "More and more British people are travelling overseas for work or pleasure, so inevitably, more UK travellers are using European roads. This means improvements in road safety throughout Europe translate into benefits for the UK traveller." "The Government is determined to improve road safety. The UK's record is among the best in the world, but nine people still die on our roads every day so we are not complacent. We want to find out from our European partners what works in their countries, to see if there are lessons we can learn for the UK, as well as sharing our knowledge and experiences with them." "Education is essential in driving up standards, which is why this conference is so important. The UK Government will continue to work with Europe to improve road safety for all our citizens."

CASH SHORTAGES PUTTING UK FLEET DRIVERS AT RISK

TWO-THIRDS of all fleets believe they have done enough to meet their duty of care obligations. The remainder of companies feel they are not doing enough to meet their responsibilities and have given an insight into the barriers that prevent them from doing so. Reasons include 'a lack of boardroom support', 'it is not regarded as a priority' and 'not knowing what steps to take'.

The results are polled from an online survey of up to 260 fleets carried out by National Car Rental in conjunction with Fleet NewsNet. Other findings include 75% of respondents claiming they or someone within their business has read the Health and Safety Executive's Driving for Work handbook and that 65% believe the Government is not doing enough to tell fleets what they should be doing to meet their duty of care to drivers. National executives say the aim of the survey was to better understand the current thinking among fleet industry professionals and to learn whether increasing awareness has led to some concrete action being taken. Neil McCrossan, vice-president commercial development at National Car Rental, said the survey's results show fleets are moving in the right direction but that there is still some way to go.

McCrossan said: 'It's certainly hugely encouraging that more than 63% of those who responded to this survey felt they had taken enough steps to meet their duty of care responsibilities. 'However, what is still needed is clarity from the Government - fleets need to know what they should be doing to meet their duty of care to drivers. 'Maybe then, those businesses that are struggling to get support from board members will feel more empowered to put the processes in place to protect employees and the business.' And the fact that fleet managers were calling on their suppliers for more advice was also seen as a positive move.

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CONGESTION CHARGE TO BE ROLLED OUT NATIONWIDE

CONGESTION charging is to be extended to towns and cities across England under government plans for a fundamental change in the way drivers pay for using the roads.

Local authorities in seven areas were yesterday awarded £7 million to develop a model charging scheme that will be rolled out over the entire road network in the next 10-15 years.

The authorities will study new technology that can target motorists who travel at the busiest times, charging them up to £1.34 a mile.

They will also consider new taxes on workplace parking spaces to deter people from driving to work. Parking meter charges will increase sharply and thousands of bays will be converted from long-stay to short-stay.

Useful web sites:

Driving Standards Agency: www.dsa.gov.uk

Department for Transport: www.dft.gov.uk/

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency: www.dvla.gov.uk

Health and Safety Executive: www.hse.gov.uk

Euro NCAP Assessments: www.euroncap.com

Vehicle & Operator Services Agency: www.vosa.gov.uk/

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