



**The Soil and Groundwater Technology Association**

**Members' Workshop**

**Large Sites and Mega Sites**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Haydock Park Racecourse**

**Aims and Objectives of the Workshop**

#### **Background**

SAGTA's September 2008 Workshop is scheduled to be held at Haydock Park Racecourse on 9<sup>th</sup> September and considers the challenge of Large Sites and Mega Sites.

Our host for this event is Land Restoration Trust and plans are being developed to include a site visit to an exemplar site during the day. SAGTA is also planning to welcome members of the British Land Reclamation Society and, subject to details of their itinerary, a mission of overseas visitors from the Far East who have particular interest in land remediation.

For the Workshop SAGTA plans to set up the day to cover both strategic and operational case study experiences. Recent substantial developments in the UK and Europe involving enabling works have provided learning points for the key issues and responses that can facilitate the successful progress on such sites. Complexities of the interfaces both spatial and in terms of works programming, boundary interfaces, the mix of land condition and geology and environmental setting, the requisite status of controls for planning embracing environmental controls provide substantial challenges to the realisation of successful outcomes in all respects.

Where major sites are subject of divestment the issues can have further dimensions where the parties are driven to establish the allocation of exposure to risk as a part of the transaction on a complex mosaic.

SAGTA's Workshop aims to provide a forum for defining issues and the effective means to tackle areas that require attention. As such the intention is for a programme combining experiences and views on strategic approaches together with illustrative case studies from UK and Europe to help:

- Draw out the key factors and
- The basis upon which SAGTA members, often with landholdings of major sites can contribute to establishing ways forward.

Anticipated topics are:

- Approaches to defining the wider requirements of remediation strategies on such sites
- Master planning and its interfaces
- Sale and divestment issues
- Protocols on operational sites
- Data management
- Exemplar site - Introductions to approaches and site visit

As is SAGTA's usual aim, the Association looks forward to the opportunity to facilitate crossovers between its invitees from industry, regulators and policy via its open forum and thereby establish how and where SAGTA can further contribute to resolving the crucial issues that may be highlighted.