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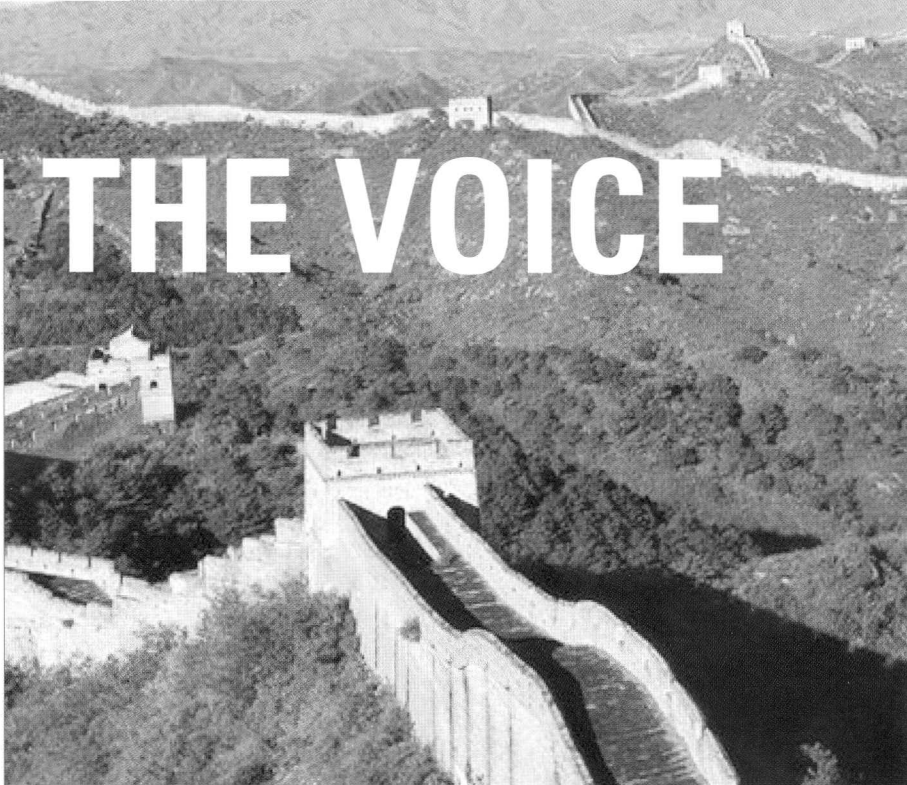
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The environmental industry within the UK has grown extensively in recent years from a collection of small enterprises running a single technology to an array of multinational companies offering a whole range of solutions for environmental pollution. Specialist publications and databases have appeared to make it easier to access companies that specialise in goods and services. The EISU database is an excellent example and contains over 2500 listings.

The UK government has regularly supported environmental development, although often behind the scenes. Typical is the Seminar Mission, which arranges for groups of UK business people to visit their counterparts in different countries around the world. The Mission Possible article in this edition details two recent events.

Another initiative, reported in the News section, is EISU's free guide to UK waste management companies that are interested in working in overseas markets.

The industry has responded by developing technologies and services for all areas of the environment. These range in complexity and innovation as the Special Feature, Case Studies and other articles show.

At one end of the technology scale, a technique first used to build the Great Wall of China has been combined with 21st century lighting and heating techniques to create one of Europe's most sustainable and healthy structures.

At the other end, high temperature plasma arcs are being used to capture air pollution control residues in an ecologically stable glass-ceramic product that will help the construction industry cut the use of raw materials.

In between, there is a wealth of expertise, products and services that make the UK environmental industry the world leader in providing holistic solutions for global consumption. ■

LETTERS

We are always delighted to hear from readers on all topics. Many tell us they really enjoy reading TPI News and that is good to hear. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, or topics you would like us to cover, please email caroline-e.wood@aeat.co.uk. Likewise, if you cannot find answers to environmental needs on the EISU website www.uktieisu.thedriveris.com, then please tell us.

If you would like to be put on the mailing list as first customers to receive the new free guide to UK waste management companies that is highlighted in the News section, then simply email us with your address.

Some of the people we have recently heard from include Mr RD Khimesra, President of Thai Polyphosphate and Chemicals Co; Mr Patrick Muginyi, HR Manager of CAFCA in Zimbabwe; Mr Kmalesh Pande Vice President of

Thermax India, whom we were able to help with a query on Clean Coal; and Mr Mahmood Akbar, Senior Projects Manager of Gul Ahmed Textile Mills in Pakistan with a query regarding the company's waste water treatment plant.

We look forward to hearing from more of you.