

Fastener supplier gains sector approvals

Leeds based fastener manufacturer and supplier Andrews Fasteners was recently audited by Lloyds and accredited to BS EN ISO 9001:2008, CE Approval to BS EN 14399 (preload) and BS EN 15048 (non preload), as well as gaining National Highways Sector Scheme 3 for stocking and distribution activities for mechanical fasteners.

“This is an important step for the company as CE Approval and Sector Scheme 3 accreditation will soon be a major requirement of buyers of structural fasteners,” said Michael Carey, Andrews Fasteners’ Managing Director. “Without the extensive investment, neither of these approvals would have been achieved.”

The use of CE approved fasteners is not

yet a legal requirement in the UK, although it is in many EU countries. In 2013 the Construction Product Directive will become a regulation and then CE Approved products must be used in the construction industry.

Andrews have been buying CE Approved products since 2006, but it has not been able to offer a full service to its

customers due to the requirements of the Construction Product Directive.

“Now as Andrews has the approval we will be able to change the plating finish of items and supply them as CE Approved, and using our extensive range of blanks we can change them into Bolts and supply them as CE Approved as well,” said Mr Carey.