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CBI points to economic recovery

According to the CBI, the manufacturing sector in the UK has experienced its first rise in domestic orders in over two years.

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Economic fallout from volcanic ash

The volcanic cloud that closed much of Northern Europe's air space during April has cost the European economy at least £1.3 billion and the aviation industry a further £650 million, experts have calculated.

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Birmingham city workers win equal pay claim

Up to 5,000 female workers have won their claims for equal pay in a landmark case against Birmingham City Council.

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National Minimum Wage rates

From October 2010, National Minimum Wage rates will increase.

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HSE release latest labour force survey

Self-reported work-related illness and workplace injuries in 2008/09: Results from the Labour Force Survey.

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House price watch

Your home may well be one of your major assets. Even if you are not planning on moving in the near future, it is always a good idea to keep abreast of the latest changes in the housing market.

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HMRC offer advice on fraud emails

HMRC are reminding taxpayers to be vigilant as there have been several reports of scam emails.

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Schools and CCTV

Salford University has carried out detailed research into the use of CCTV in schools in the UK and issued a report stating that many of the institutions are in breach of the data protection legislation.

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VAT and Royal Mail postage

Some types of postal services offered by the Royal Mail will be subject to VAT from 31 January 2011.

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Toxic chemicals in leather sofas - compensation awarded

Around 1,650 people who suffered skin rashes, burns and other medical problems caused by a toxic chemical used by Chinese manufacturers of leather sofas are to receive compensation awards of between £1,250 and £10,000 following a claims handling agreement at the High Court.

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Kind regards,

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