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Centra Consult LLP

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MAIN DISCIPLINE Quantity Surveying

OTHER SKILLS Adjudication
Expert Witness

A Chartered Quantity Surveyor with more than twenty years experience in the construction industry, predominantly with main contractors working on civil engineering and building projects both in the UK and overseas. Over the last six years has worked as a consultant for both employers and contractors for the provision of contractual advice, commercial management, claims preparation, delay analysis, quantum issues and dispute resolution procedures. Has prepared expert witness reports and acted as expert in a number of construction disputes. Appointed as Director responsible for Driver Consult's Scottish office in 2007 and moved on to become a Partner of Centra Consult LLP in 2008.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Expert Reports Includes:

Hotel and residential development, Manchester

Expert report on behalf of the main contractor on the valuation of the M&E final account submitted by the subcontractor. For use in forthcoming litigation.

Residential project, Aberdeen

Expert report on behalf of the property owners on the value of variations claimed by the main contractor. For use in forthcoming mediation

Student accommodation, Edinburgh

Expert report on quantum for professional indemnity insurers in a court action by the property owner against a designer

Residential development, Bonnybridge

Expert report on quantum for professional indemnity insurers in a court action by a lending institution against a quantity surveyor

Refurbishment of a historic building

Expert report on quantum for professional indemnity insurers in a court action by a local authority against a designer. The issue settled during the court action just before evidence was due to be given.

Hospital, Dundee

Expert reports on quantum and delay for the defence of an action for additional payment by the main contractor

Housing, Edinburgh

Expert report on valuation on behalf of property owners for use in a current action against the valuation surveyor

Manufacturing plant, Lancashire

Expert report on quantum for use in defence of a claim for additional payment by the main contractor

Residential development, Edinburgh

Expert report on quantum for professional indemnity insurers in a court action by a developer against an architect

Harbour construction, Scotland

Expert report on the quantum of the piling for use in adjudication and then arbitration

Hotel, Glasgow

Expert report on behalf of the property owners in defence against an action pursued by the main contractor. Report on delay and quantum

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Adjudication / Arbitration / litigation Experience Includes:

Adjudication	Preparation of Referrals and Responses and attendance at adjudication hearings, for around 20 No. separate adjudications
Arbitration	Preparation of a response to a statement of claim for a harbour construction project
Litigation	Preparation of expert reports for use during litigation proceedings

Claim Preparation Experience Includes:

Residential Development, Edinburgh	Delay analysis, project value £25m, claim value £1m
Power station, Maritsa, Bulgaria	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £125m, claim value £15m
Mixed use development, Belgrade, Serbia	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £25m, claim value £5m
Design and build road project, Glasgow	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £10m, claim value £500k
Refurbishment project, Glasgow	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £3m, claim value £500k
Office and residential development, Edinburgh	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £25m, claim value £5m
Science Centre, Glasgow	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £50m, claim value £3m
Hotel and Conference Centre, St. Andrews	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £7m, claim value £3m
Reclamation project, Singapore	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time, project value £100m
Water Treatment Works, Aberdeen	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £10m, claim value £1.5m
Road project, Dundee	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £3m, claim value £750k
Airport runway upgrading, Gibraltar	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £3m, claim value £500k
Salt and potable water distribution, Gibraltar	Delay analysis, claim for extension of time and loss and expense, project value £2m, claim value £750m

Contractual Advice Includes:

Demolition of a Chemical Plant, Switzerland	Advice on contractual arrangements for main contract
Distillery, Livingston	Advice on contractual arrangements for main contract
Schools project, Edinburgh	Advice on recovery of losses incurred due to design delay
IT Contracts, Scotland	Analysis of IT contracts for an asset management company following a merger; strategies for renegotiation and termination
Bridge demolition and replacement	Report on rights and obligations under a bespoke contract and negotiation of new terms
Road project, South West England	Report on rights and obligations under NEC contract, set up systems for compliance
Paper Handling Plant, London	Report on ICE design and construct contract in relation to entitlement and quantum for variations and prolongation and disruption claims

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2006 – 2008

Driver Consult Ltd
Director

Took over the running of the Edinburgh office on behalf of Driver Consult in 2007. Involved in claims and disputes both in the UK and overseas, including the construction of a power station in Bulgaria and a mixed use development in Belgrade, Serbia. Appointed as expert on a number of construction disputes and professional negligence cases. Represented parties in adjudications. Responsible for day to day running of the office, marketing and client liaison.

2003 – 2006

Trett Consulting
Senior Associate Director

Providing advice to clients in respect of contractual and commercial issues. Identifying and preparing contractual claims. Providing advice in connection with disputes. Representing parties in adjudications. These services were provided for contractors, sub-contractors, solicitors and consultants.

2001 - 2003

Nigel Lowe Associates
Senior Consultant

Involved in the arbitration of a dispute in connection with the construction of a new harbour, prepared a delay analysis and claims and referred a number of disputes to adjudication in relation to the construction of a prestigious hotel development. Represented various parties in the adjudication of disputes.

1996 - 2001

Toa Corporation
Commercial Manager

Based in Singapore. Commercial manager for 4 No. reclamation and sea defence projects, involving the construction of retaining structures, landing jetties and offshore docking facilities with a combined value of over £200m. Commercial and contractual advice and risk management for a number of bids submitted to the Singapore government for large scale civil and building projects. Responsible for creating and implementing ISO Quality assurance system. Qualified internal Quality Auditor, responsible for carrying out a number of audits on live projects.

1994 - 1996

Balfour Beatty Construction Limited
Senior Quantity Surveyor

Based in the North East of Scotland. Senior Quantity Surveyor for a water treatment plant and 2 No. Road projects. Responsible for all commercial aspects of the projects including the preparation of claims and agreement of final accounts

1990 - 1994

Amey Construction Limited
Senior Quantity Surveyor

Based in Gibraltar. Responsible for the commercial management of a variety of building and civil engineering projects, including a salt and potable water rationalisation system and airport runway upgrading projects. Assisted in the overall management of the Gibraltar office. Preparation of tenders for new works. Responsible for the preparation of claims and handling of disputes with

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sub-contractors and employers.

1987 – 1990

Full time BSc in Quantity Surveying at Napier University

Left full time employment with Balfour Beatty to study for a degree in Quantity Surveying. Worked with Balfour Beatty on the Newcastle Western Bypass and with Nuttal on the Crombie Jetty during summer breaks.

1982 - 1987

Balfour Beatty Construction Limited
Assistant Quantity Surveyor

Joined as a school leaver, worked on the construction of 22 No. hardened aircraft shelters, Thorpe nuclear power station project and a number of road building projects.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Associate of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

OTHER INTERESTS

Coaching kids football, running kids football team, walking