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Centra Consult LLP

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MAIN DISCIPLINE Quantity Surveying

OTHER SKILLS Adjudication Mediation

A Quantity Surveyor with over 30 years' experience within the construction industry and a Masters degree in construction law; experienced in commercial management; the preparation and defence of claims and the preparation and adoption of commercial control systems for contracting organisations as well as a variety of dispute resolution processes. Prior to working as a consultant Chris acted in senior commercial management roles for contracting organisations engaged in the power and process sector of the construction industry having previously trained and worked with civil engineering contractors.

# RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Bypass project, Scotland

New Build College, Scotland

Expert Reports Includes: Office Development, London	Preparation of quantum report in relation to final account dispute on works carried out to a large office development in London
Housing development, Fife	Preparation of quantum reports in relation to final account disputes relating to a private development housing scheme in Fife
Private dwelling, Aberdeen	Preparation of quantum report in relation to claim arising in relation to a substantial private dwelling constructed in Aberdeen
Roads Project, Scotland	Preparation of quantum report in relation to damages claim arising in relation to a design and build road project in central Glasgow
<b>Hotel Development, Glasgow</b>	Preparation of quantum report in relation to damages claim arising in relation to rainscreen cladding issues on hotel project in central Glasgow
Civil Engineering Scheme, Scotland	Preparation of quantum reports in relation to remedial works arising due to design & construction defects in civil engineering project in Cairngorm Mountain area
Flood Protection Scheme, Scotland	Preparation of quantum report in relation to reinforced concrete works on flood protection scheme, in context of adjudication proceedings
Mixed-use development, central Edinburgh	Preparation of quantum report in relation to enabling works at railway tunnels under large mixed-use development in central Edinburgh and in connection with claims made against civil and structural engineer on the project.
Investment Area development, Glasgow	Preparation of quantum reports in relation to disputes under NEC4 contract on major civil engineering project adjacent to Glasgow airport.
High-rise blocks, Scotland	Involvement in quantum in relation to claim against main contractor regarding issues with EWI on 3 multi-storey blocks in Glasgow and valuation of proposed remedial works.
Bridge project, England	Preparation of quantum report and input in relation to various claims made against designer in connection with major bridge project (including approach roads and associated works) in England.

Ayrshire, Scotland.

Preparation of quantum reports in relation to losses claimed against designer in connection with construction of a viaduct as part of a bypass project in

Preparation of quantum report in relation to claims against an engineering firm

in connection with construction of a new college in Ayrshire, Scotland.

**Council Offices, Scotland** Preparation of quantum report in relation to a claim in connection with

cladding remedial works on new / refurbished council office project

High School, **Scottish** Preparation of quantum report in relation to a court case and concerning drainage remedial works at a new High School project **Borders** 

Car Showroom, Glasgow Preparation of quantum report in relation to a final account and other claims in

connection with a new car showroom project

Marine Project, Scotland Preparation of quantum report in relation to damages claims in connection

with additional costs on marine redevelopment project

**Office** Development, Preparation of quantum reports in relation to loss and expense on an office

development project in Aberdeen. Aberdeen

Preparation of quantum reports in relation to damages claims in connection **Hospital Project, Belfast** 

with rectification works required to hospital project

Call Centre, Glasgow Preparation of quantum reports in relation to damages claims in connection

with cladding and necessary remedial works

**Office** Refurbishment. Preparation of quantum report in relation to damages claims in relation to

alleged failings in the structural design of a building refurbishment project and

necessary remedial works arising.

Windfarm Project, Scotland Preparation of quantum report in relation to disputed final account on

windfarm BoP contract

A75 road upgrade, Dumfries Preparation of quantum report in relation to claims and variations on a project

for the realignment and upgrade of 3.76 kilometres of the A75 between

**Dumfries and Galloway** 

**Aberdeen Airport** Preparation of quantum report in relation to a compensation event submission

made by Contractor under NEC3 form of Contract.

**Dundee car showroom** Preparation of quantum report in relation to a claim brought against PQS and

Project Manager by client.

Edinburgh 'common repair' Preparation of quantum reports and supplementary quantum reports in relation

to adjudication proceedings

**PFI Schools Project** Assist in preparation of quantum report in relation to claim against designer

on PFI schools project in connection with adjudication proceedings

**School** North Preparation of expert quantum report in relation to a claim against an Project,

Lanarkshire Engineer, specifically relating to alleged failings in structural steelwork.

Residential Development in Preparation of expert quantum report in relation to delay on a residential

Lincoln development project in Lincoln.

**Bridge Abutments** Preparation of expert quantum report for use in adjudication proceedings in **Development in Glasgow** relation to a proposed pile remedial scheme to bridge abutments at

development project in Glasgow.

**Apartment** Building, Expert report in relation to the calculation of liquidated and ascertained **Scotland** 

damages for delay pursuant to clause 17.1.4 of the Conditions of Contract, being the Scottish Building Contract With Contractor's Design May 1999

Edition (January 2002 Revision) with amendments

Wembley Stadium, London Assist in preparation of an expert report on delays to the turning of the 'arch'

at the new Wembley stadium project. The dispute in relation to this matter

was the subject of adjudication.

### **Adjudication Experience Includes:**

Edinburgh

& Galloway

**Adjudication appointments** Appointed as Adjudicator on three occasions (once by CIOB and twice by

CIC)

Housing development, Fife Preparation of quantum reports in relation to final account disputes relating to a private development housing scheme in Fife Assisting Referring Party in relation to earthworks related claim in Road project in Northern adjudication under NEC conditions and concerning a dualling scheme in **Ireland** Northern Ireland Hotel development in Prepare Response and other documents and act as Responding Party's Glasgow representative in relation to a dispute on a hotel development in the centre of Glasgow Substructure to major Prepare Referral and act as Referring Party's representative in relation to development in Glasgow reinforced concrete works on project adjacent to the Clyde river in Glasgow Redevelopment of old school Providing assistance to Referring Party in relation to a number of adjudication building, Edinburgh proceedings regarding delay / loss & expense and other claims in connection with a refurbishment project to develop an old school building into apartments. High-rise flat refurbishment, Providing assistance to Responding Party in relation to adjudication proceedings regarding final account and delay related claims in connection Glasgow with EWI and refurbishment project to high-rise blocks Providing assistance to Referring Party in an ongoing adjudication concerning Roads Project, Scotland losses on a road project in Scotland **Utilities project, Edinburgh** Prepare Referral and act as Referring Party's representative on utilities project in Edinburgh Office Development, Respond to Referral and act as Referring Party's representative in adjudication Aberdeen with curtain walling subcontractor on office development project in Aberdeen Represent Referring Party in multiple adjudications in relation to Flood Prevention Scheme, **Inverness** compensation event disputes under NEC3 form of contract. Represent Responding Party in multiple adjudications in relation to Student Residences, Glasgow outstanding payments due on two student residence projects in Glasgow under SBCC form of Contract. **Embankment Stabilisation** Represent Responding Party in adjudication including preparation of papers project, Devon for submission in adjudication in relation to Compensation Events under NEC3 Option A form of Subcontract. Water Treatment Works, Represent Responding Party in adjudication including preparation of papers **Scotland** for submission in adjudication in relation to Compensation Events under NEC3 Option C form of Contract. **Council lighting** Represent Referring Party in adjudication and prepare papers for submission maintenance contracts

Large new build private house project (Manor Farm)

Public Realm works, Glasgow

Supermarket Development, **Fife** 

Residential Development, **Dumfries** 

**Combined Heat & Power Projects, England** 

**Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Power Station,**  in adjudication in relation to the final account under bespoke form of contract.

Prepare adjudication papers and represent Contractor in adjudication in relation to the final account under JCT Management Contract.

Prepare adjudication papers and represent Contractor in multiple adjudications in relation to interim and final accounts under SBCC Minor Works Contract.

Represent Contractor in adjudication, including preparation of papers, in relation to adjudication commenced by Sub-Contractor under SBCC Subcontract.

Prepare adjudication papers and represent Architect in adjudication for recovery of unpaid fees.

Management of adjudications on two separate CHP Projects. Involvement included preparation of notices and referral documents; management of adjudication process including liaison with legal representatives.

Defended adjudication on behalf of Mechanical Contractor on CCGT Power Station. The defence included preparation of response documents, meetings

**England** during moratorium, and liaison with legal representatives.

Prepared notice of adjudication, referral notice and all documentation in Marine Works, Scotland

adjudication for Marine Works Contractor. Representation of Contractor in

adjudication hearing.

**Community College, London** Preparation of multiple notices of adjudication and referral notices in relation

to interim accounts on a building development project

**Various** Prepared a number of small adjudication submissions for sub-contractors.

**Claim Preparation Experience Includes:** 

Road project in Northern **Ireland** 

Assist with preparation of submissions in relation to compensation events under NEC conditions and concerning a dualling scheme in Northern Ireland

**Utilities project, Glasgow** Preparation of submissions / position papers regarding compensation events

for utilities subcontractor on major project in Glasgow under NEC form of

contract.

Mixed Development,

Aberdeen

Preparation of reports in respect of claims from and against subcontractors in

relation to mixed office and hotel development in Aberdeen.

Groundworks, A30 Road

project

Preparation of submissions for Compensation Events under NEC form of

contract for groundwork sub-contractor.

**Concrete works at Sports** 

Arena, Glasgow

Preparation of a claim for concrete sub-contractor against main contractor on sports arena project. Represent sub-contractor in negotiations and finalise

agreement on the project account.

Preparation of a commercial / claim submissions for Prime Contractor on **Jetty Project, Scotland** 

major Defence Estates Jetty project.

**Sutton Bridge Power Station** Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a new build CCGT

Power Station project. The claims were eventually resolved via an Executive

Tribunal.

**Damhead Creek Power** 

**Station** 

Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a new build Power Station project. The claims subsequently required to be resolved within USA

Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings.

**Wastewater Treatment** 

Prepared monetary claims for D&C Contractor, for submission to SPV on PPP

Wastewater Treatment Facility.

**Facility, Scotland** 

**Refurbishment/** 

**Development Edinburgh** 

Prepared claim submission for local Contractor, then assisted in settlement via Mediation, sums in excess of £2M

**HMNB Project Neptune**,

**Faslane** 

Preparation of monetary claims for Utilities Sub-Sub-Contractor on major

building re-development project within Naval Base.

**Mediation Experience Includes:** 

**Hospital Project, Belfast** Attendance at mediations as quantum expert in relation to damages claims in

connection with rectification works required to hospital project

Private dwelling, Aberdeen Preparation of quantum report in relation to claim arising in relation to a

substantial private dwelling constructed in Aberdeen

**Office** Refurbishment,

**Edinburgh** 

Attendance at mediation as quantum expert in relation to damages claims in relation to alleged failings in the structural design of a building refurbishment

project.

**Damhead Creek Power** 

Station, England

Following defence of claims received from scaffolding Sub-contractor by Mechanical Contractor, including in adjudication proceedings, attended

Mediation; which resulted in a settlement.

Refurbishment/ **Development Edinburgh**  Following preparation of claim submission for Contractor; then assisted in

settlement via Mediation.

**Tunnelling Project,** Following defence of claims received from Main Contractor on tunnelling

Midlands project for Quarry Company represented client in Mediation; which resulted

in a settlement.

**Contractual Advice / Commercial Management Includes:** 

Road improvement scheme, Aberdeen Advising Main Contractor in relation to commercial matters, including claims for additional payment and Ordered Variations, on road improvement project.

Road upgrade scheme, England

Advise Main Contractor in relation to entitlement to compensation events and their assessment in relation to an NEC3 contract for upgrade of an A road in England

Water Treatment Projects, Scotland

Advise Main Contractor on multiple water treatment projects, specifically in relation to NEC contracts and disputes with Supply Chain

Leisure Facility, Borders Region

Advise Main Contractor in relation to claim made against it for defective work on Leisure Facility project, including claims arising out of rectification of swimming pool

School project, Darlington

Advise Main Contractor on preparation of variation and claim submissions in relation to final account on Primary School project. Also prepare draft adjudication papers in anticipation of adjudication to resolve account.

Windfarm, Scotland

Contractual and commercial advice on NEC3 project to Groundwork's sub-contractor.

**Council Offices, Dundee** 

Contractual and commercial advice to Main Contractor on £30m council office development in central Dundee.

**Spalding Energy Project** 

Negotiated contract terms on behalf of Mechanical Contractor.

Blacklaw Windfarm,

Scotland

Provided contractual advice to earthworks contractor on major wind farm project. This included negotiation of contract documentation with Main

Contractor.

Port of Tilbury, London

Assisted with preparation of final account submission in respect of civil engineering project.

Wastewater Treatment Facility, Scotland

Provided contractual advice on entitlement to time and money to Contractor under D&C Contract on PPP Wastewater Treatment Facility.

**Various** Commercial advice for a variety of small sub-contractors.

**General** Setting up, monitoring and maintaining Change Control procedures and systems for major projects including a variety of power related projects.

**Articles Written:** 

Risk allocation and unforeseen ground conditions

Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2014.

**Implied** terms construction contracts

Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2013.

The interpretation of contracts: The impact of Chartbrook v Persimmon

Article written and appearing in CICES Construction Law Review of 2010.

Case Review: William Hare Limited v Shepherd Construction Limited [2010] EWCA Civ 283

Article concerning interpretation of contracts; exclusion clauses; Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996; withholding payment; insolvency; 'Pay when paid' – located on Centra website.

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

#### Centra Consult LLP 2008 - to date

### **Partner**

Joined new practice as partner. Involved in full company service provision, including in relation to preparation of adjudication documentation; preparation of final account documentation; contractual advice and preparation of claim submissions.

During time with Centra Consult LLP passed CIOB examinations and panel interview process to become CIOB Panel Adjudicator.

### **Driver Consult Ltd**

### **Senior Consultant**

Joined new office opened by Driver Consult. Involved in company service provision, including in relation to preparation of adjudication documentation; preparation of final account documentation; contractual advice and drafting of position statements; preparation of claim submissions; and assisting with representation of client in mediation.

# **Nigel Lowe Consulting Limited**

### Consultant

Involved in all aspects of the company service provision. This included, on behalf of clients, provision of contractual advice; preparation of claims for payment, as well as defence of claims received; assisting with expert reports; preparation of notices of adjudication and referral notices; representation as adviser in mediation; development of company best practice procedures; and development of company newsletter.

#### **Shaw Group UK Limited** 2002 - 2003

### **Commercial Manager**

Responsible for commercial management of the businesses construction activities. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Stoke & Blackburn CHP Projects.
- Liverpool CHP Project.
- Spalding Energy Project.
- Immingham CHP Project.
- Buxton Cement Plant.

#### **Thermal Engineering International Limited** 1997 - 2002

# **Commercial Manager**

The role involved the full range of commercial management responsibilities for the Mechanical Services Division. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Damhead Creek Power Station Project.
- North West Water Ltd Shell Green Sludge Processing Plant.
- Sutton Bridge Power Project.
- Installation of new Waste Heat Boiler at Tate & Lyle production facility, Silvertown, London.
- Baldovie Waste to Energy Plant.
- BP Chemicals, Hull DF Off-Gas Project.

## Carillion plc (formerly Wimpey Engineering & Construction)

## **Senior Quantity Surveyor**

Summary of projects involved with included:

- RD66/1 Waste Storage Facility Rosyth.
- M8 Foodpark Enabling Works, Springburn, Glasgow.
- Lesmahagow STW Reconstruction.

# **Edmund Nuttall Limited**

### **Quantity Surveyor**

Quantity Surveyor on specific projects. Summary of projects involved with included:

- Whitefriars Relocation Project, Victoria Embankment, London.
- Isle of Grain Container Terminal, Kent.
- East India Dock Link Stage II, Docklands, London.
- •A406 Road Widening East Finchley, London.

2006 - 2008

2004 - 2006

# 1994 - 1997

### 1989 - 1994

# PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Incorporate member of the Chartered Institute of Building

Member of the Society of Construction Law