

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Centra Consult LLP**



## **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

A Quantity Surveyor with chartered status through the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Qualifications include a Master's Degree in Construction Law. Over 35 years of professional and contracting experience has been gained on a wide variety of construction projects across many sectors. This experience includes time working in the dispute resolution sector. Latterly working for Laing O'Rourke Ltd in the role of Head of Commercial Services for Scottish Water Solutions 2 Ltd with responsibility for the delivery of a £550m programme of projects. Has a track record of resolving complex disputes avoiding the need for more formal means of dispute resolution. Extensive knowledge of many forms of construction contract, commercial management techniques and the identification, preparation and quantification of variations, prolongation and disruption claims. Has prepared various quantum reports for adjudication proceedings and as expert witness. Also has experience representing clients in mediation and adjudication proceedings.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

BSc Building Economics and Quantity Surveying

Master's Degree in Construction Law

Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**September 2015 to date**

**Centra Consult Contract Services Ltd - Director**

Provision of a range of construction related and commercial services including contract advice, claims identification/preparation, adjudication and expert reports

**2007 – 2015**

**Laing O'Rourke Construction Ltd – Commercial Leader**

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Commercial Lead on a number of high value, complex projects including Perth Schools project circa £150m. Head of Commercial for Scottish Water Solutions 2 Ltd with responsibility for the delivery of £550m work programme and a team of 28Nr commercial staff

**2003 - 2007**

**Nigel Lowe Consulting Ltd - Consultant**

Provision of a range of commercial services including contract advice, claims identification/preparation, adjudication and expert reports and representing clients in adjudication hearings

**1990 - 2003**

**M J Gleeson Group plc – Commercial Manager**

Commercial Manager providing commercial support services across a range of construction and civil engineering projects covering most sectors including retail, commercial, water, rail, education and public buildings. Responsible for the commercial and contractual administration of projects

**1987 - 1990**

**Norwest Holst Ltd – Senior Quantity Surveyor**

Surveyor providing commercial support services across a range of construction and civil engineering projects covering most sectors including retail, commercial, defence and water. Responsible for the commercial and contractual administration of projects

**1980 - 1987**

**Gardiner & Theobald – Chartered Quantity Surveyor**

Provision of quantity surveying services to a range of clients including, private developers, power companies, public sector organisations, private equity companies and insurance companies

## **SELECTION OF RELEVANT DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE**

### **For Centra Consult**

**Major residential development**

Prepare papers for adjudication referral on time and quantum issues, refer and run adjudication on behalf of client

**Major Art gallery refurbishment project**

Prepare Contractor's claims substantiation for time and quantum issues, prepare adjudication referral documentation

**Drilling and Blasting Works on Major Infrastructure project**

Analyse and prepare contractor's claim submissions in a format that would allow adjudication referral if required to achieve dispute resolution

**City centre office**

Prepare response to contractor's multi-million pound claims for

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<b>development</b>	employer, property developer, organisation. Provide commercial advice with regards on-going contractual matters
<b>Major cable laying contract</b>	Analyse and prepare contractor's claims submissions for numerous changes and variation matters. Prepare in a format that would allow adjudication referral if required. Draft adjudication notice and referral for key disputed matter. NEC3 contract with most issues. resulting from badly drafted Works Information document
<b>Concrete Framed Research Facility building</b>	Analyse and prepare contractor's claims submissions for various compensation events matters. NEC3 contract with Works Information issues
<b>Refurbishment of Existing Listed Building</b>	Analyse and prepare contractor's claims relating to a significant number of variations and their valuation. Prepare in a format that would allow referral to adjudication for resolution
<b>Refurbishment of high rise community housing apartment blocks</b>	Prepare expert quantum report for employer in response to claims raised by contractor in adjudication proceedings
<b>Hotel Refurbishment project</b>	Prepare expert quantum report for contractor in response to employer claims for damages resulting from defective workmanship and/or defective design issues
<b>Residential apartment block project</b>	Prepare contractor's formal claim, notice of adjudication and referral submission for extension of time and prolongation costs. Issue notices and run the adjudication on behalf of the contractor
<b>Water pipeline project</b>	Prepare expert quantum report in relation to the replacement of a defective pipeline on behalf of a consultant in a professional indemnity insurance claim
<b>Harbour Refurbishment project</b>	Prepare expert quantum report on behalf of a contractor in dispute concerning defective workmanship which is in an adjudication
<b><u>With Previous Employer's</u> Water related projects</b>	Involvement in 6Nr adjudications over a two year period on water

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industry projects to settle on-going disputes in relation to variation and prolongation quantum issues

## **Mill Building Refurbishment as High Tech Units**

Preparation of adjudication report for Employer outlining the position in relation to variations and quantum. Representing Employer with solicitors at the adjudication hearing

Preparation of adjudication report for the Employer outlining the position in relation to prolongation quantum. Representing Employer with solicitors at the adjudication hearing

## **Stadium project**

Assist in the preparation of expert reports for the Employer in relation variations to the reinforced concrete foundations and structural steelwork packages for a national stadium project

## **Office Redevelopment**

Representing a consultant in a mediation to resolve a dispute about fees

## **Hotel projects**

Assist in the preparation of expert reports for the Employer in relation to variation and prolongation issues for 2Nr hotel buildings

## **Office Redevelopment**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the Contractor for a central London office redevelopment

## **Water Treatment Works**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the Contractor for a major water treatment works project

## **Housing Project**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the Contractor for a major housing association project in Edinburgh. Subsequent preparation and representation of the Contractor in a mediation to resolve the dispute

## **Court Extension building**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the Contractor for a major court extension project in Edinburgh with specific emphasis on complex reinforced concrete frame construction. Subsequent negotiation and resolution of the dispute with the Employer

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## **Concrete Works Project**

Preparation of variation and prolongation claims for the Contractor on a new court building with specific emphasis on complex reinforced concrete elements of the construction. Subsequent negotiation and resolution of the dispute with the Employer

## **GENERAL INTERESTS**

Music, travel, hillwalking, reading