

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**MAIN DISCIPLINE**      Quantity Surveying

**OTHER SKILLS**      Adjudication  
Expert Witness

A Quantity Surveyor, with chartered status within the construction industry, a Masters degree in business administration and a law degree. Experienced in commercial management, the preparation and defence of claims and the preparation and adoption of commercial control systems for commercial organisations. Has prepared expert witness reports and acted as expert in a number of construction disputes. Started Centra Consult LLP in September 2007, previously director of Driver Consult's Scottish Office, having joined them from Trett Consulting, where after seven years, he was Regional Director running their Scottish office.

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

### **Expert Reports Includes:**

<b>Mechanical Installation</b>	Expert report for an ongoing Arbitration arising from a Contract completed over 15 years earlier. Original Arbiter retired and Claimant has substantially revised the case
<b>Tunnelling Contract</b>	Expert role on quantum issues arising from a major tunnelling project for an employer. The claimant is indicating the need for matters to be settled by arbitration.
<b>PFI School, Works Contract</b>	Expert report on quantum issues for a contractor building a single secondary school. The dispute having gone through initial procedure within the Scottish Commercial Court, settled before I was required to give evidence on my report.
<b>George St, Edinburgh</b>	Expert report on behalf of a contractor on the analysis of the Sectional Completion requirements within the contract.
<b>Demolition Contract</b>	Expert report for a demolition contractor covering quantum issues in arbitration; gave evidence at the arbitration hearing.
<b>Civil Engineering</b>	Expert report for a civil engineering contractor (design and build sewage treatment works) covering quantum issues in arbitration. The issue settled before evidence was due to be given.
<b>Water Treatment Works</b>	Assistance with an expert report on delay and cost issues for professional indemnity insurers in a court action by a design and build contractor against the designer. The issue settled during the court action just before evidence was due to be given.
<b>Streetworks</b>	Expert report for a streetworks contractor covering quantum issues in a court action. Evidence was given in the Sheriff's Court.
<b>Royal Opera House</b>	Assistance with an expert report on delay and cost issues for the mechanical and electrical installation aspects.
<b>Dwelling/Office &amp; Workshop complex</b>	Prepared expert quantum report for partially completed development with extensive defects and contractor in liquidation.

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<b>Bio- Ethanol Plant</b>	Prepared quantum report on mechanical & piping contract in respect of Bio-ethanol plant.
<b>B Listed Dwelling, damages claim against roofing contractor</b>	Quantum report on £1M claim in defence of roofing contractor. Claim covered a period of several years and included substantial un-related works.
<b>Office block Edinburgh, defective roofing and cladding</b>	Two quantum reports on multi million pound claims, in defence of roofing contractor and cladding contractor.
<b>Warehouse, Grangemouth</b>	Quantum report on defective premises allegedly requiring to be demolished and re-built claimed £3M.
<b>Frozen Food Processing Plant, Aberdeen</b>	Quantum report on defective premises, allegedly requiring to be demolished and re-built claimed £8M.
<b>Hospital: Dundee</b>	Quantum report for M&E Consultant, negligence claim
<b>Domestic Dwelling: Glasgow</b>	Quantum report in defence of negligence claim against Architect.(value £50K)
<b>Swimming pool: Edinburgh</b>	Quantum report in defence of chemical tank manufacturer/installer. (value £1M)
<b>Fabrication Facility: North of Scotland</b>	Quantum report in defence of negligence claim against structural engineer (value £2M)
<b>Domestic Dwelling: Bo'ness</b>	Quantum report in defence of negligence claim against Architect.(value £250K)
<b>Block of Flats: Defective Roof &amp; damages claim</b>	Quantum report in claim against firm of engineers for defective design (value £1.2M)
<b>School swimming pool: defective supervision &amp; setting out</b>	Quantum report in defence of claim against setting out engineer (value £200K)
<b>Castle: Isle of Mull</b>	Quantum report on failed roofing installation after recent roof upgrading works in claim against Engineer.
<b>Domestic Dwelling: Edinburgh</b>	Quantum report on defective house redevelopment in claim against Architect.
<b>Flood Alleviation Scheme - Belfast</b>	Quantum report in defence of QS having prepared documents for estimator in claim from Main Contractor.
<b>Fish &amp; Veterinary laboratory Building</b>	Quantum report in defence of negligence claim against Architect.
<b>Cancer Charity Building</b>	Quantum report in defence of negligence claim against Architect

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**Housing Association** Quantum Report in defence of negligence claim against structural Engineer.  
**Building**

**Combined Heat & Power** Report for insurers on behalf of Contractor in liquidation.  
**Installation: Dundee**

**Office block: Dundee** Report on Quantum for Contractor against Employer post termination.

## Adjudication Experience Includes:

**Marine Civil Engineering Works, West of Scotland** Assistance in the preparation of an adjudication submission.

**Forth Rail Bridge** Assistance in the preparation of the claim and the subsequent adjudication for a painting contractor.

**Waverleygate, Edinburgh** Prepared an adjudication against a demolition sub-contractor involved in demolition, façade retention and piled foundation for façade retention.

**Former Sheriff Court Building, Glasgow** Defended an adjudication against a concrete frame sub-contractor on behalf of the same main contractor as Waverleygate

**Various** Numerous small adjudication submissions for smaller trade contractors.

**Office Block Glasgow** Defended, then prepared a series of Adjudications for both parties involved in the Waverleygate project above.

**Housing Development, Dundee** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor.

**Housing Development, Central Scotland** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor.

**Office Development, Glasgow** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor.

**University of St Andrews** Prepared Adjudication on behalf of Architect for recovery of fees.

**Student Accommodation, Edinburgh** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor.

**Footpath Contract upgrade** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor.

**Water Treatment Works** Water treatment works Northumberland, NEC form of contract, prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor.

**Wind farm, Argyll** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of drilling & blasting subcontractor against main contractor.

**Street lighting contract: Ayrshire** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor against Council

**Bespoke Dwellinghouse, the Highlands** Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Contractor against Employer in respect of Pay Less Notice

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<b>Bespoke Dwellinghouse, central belt</b>	Prepared and ran Adjudication on behalf of Subcontractor against Contractor in respect of Pay Less Notice
<b>2x wind farms, Highland &amp; Central</b>	Prepared and ran Adjudications on behalf of Contractor against Employer in respect of Pay Less Notice
<b>Fit out, Bothwell St, Glasgow</b>	Dispute over time and money arising from £26M fit out contract.

## Claim Preparation Experience Includes:

<b>Windfarm: Glasgow</b>	Preparation of Ground conditions claim on a major windfarm project
<b>Road Upgrade, Southern Scotland</b>	Preparation of claim for major civil engineering Contractor against local authority.
<b>Water Treatment Works, Northern England</b>	Preparation of claim for Design and Build Contractor against regional water authority.
<b>UKAEA Dounreay</b>	Preparation of a claim for a mechanical contractor on a materials handling contract.
<b>BNFL Sellafield</b>	Contractual advice in lieu of claims preparation for the same contractor.
<b>Pharmaceutical Plant</b>	Prepared a major claim for a mechanical and process engineering contractor, including both extensions of time and quantum.
<b>Refurbishment/ Development Edinburgh</b>	Prepared claim submission for local Contractor, sums in excess of £2M

## Contractual Advice Includes:

<b>MFL, Leeds</b>	Gave contractual advice to a main contractor in connection with a multi-storey flatted development. The employer was seeking to recover £1million in L&A damages.
<b>Forth Rail Bridge</b>	Prepared sub-contract documents for a contractor who took over the contract after the completion of the earlier adjudication detailed above.
<b>PFI Hospital</b>	Gave contractual advice and commercial assistance to a contractor who had serious issues with a hospital development.
<b>PFI Schools</b>	Gave contractual advice to a contractor who was suffering deductions from a complete PFI Schools project.
<b>Student Accommodation Dundee</b>	Gave contractual advice to a contractor engaged in the construction of student accommodation in Dundee.
<b>Housing Development Dundee</b>	Gave contractual advice to a contractor engaged in the construction of a housing development for a developer in Dundee.
<b>Office Block Edinburgh</b>	Advising Demolition contractor

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## **Swimmingpool Redevelopment Edinburgh**

Advising Demolition contractor

## **Bio Energy Plant**

Advising Employer in Sub Contract dispute with piping & mechanical Sub contractor

## **Concert Venue: Glasgow**

Advising Steelwork Sub contractor

## **Residential Development : London**

Advising Steelwork Sub contractor

## **Water Authority Delivery Partner: Scotland**

Advising Partner on contractual issues with Contractors

## **Gas Plant: Shetland**

Advising Employer in relation to Main Civils Contractor

## **MEDIATION EXPERIENCE**

Visitors Centre - Edinburgh, acting for Contractor against Public Organisation

Office Complex - Glasgow, acting for Architect & Engineer

Domestic Dwelling development – Aberdeenshire, acting for Architect

Housing Development – Motherwell, acting for Contractor

Tennis Club – London, acting for Architect

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Housing Development - Edinburgh, acting for Employer, against Architect

Domestic Dwelling – East Lothian, acting for Architect

Office Complex – Edinburgh, acting for Sub Contractor & Architect

Food processing facility – Aberdeen, acting for Architect

Domestic Dwelling- Isle of Skye, acting for Architect

Bio ethanol Plant – Hull, acting for Employer

Hospital – Dundee, acting for M&E Consultant

Domestic Dwelling Edinburgh, acting for Architect.

Domestic Dwelling South Queensferry, acting for Architect.

Operational Headquarters - London

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**SEPTEMBER 2007**

**Centra Consult LLP**  
*Chairman*

**2006 – 2007**

**Driver Consult Ltd**  
*Director*

Opened new office on behalf of Driver Consult. Developed my existing client base and worked with Driver clients. Engaged two delay analysts and two further quantum experts. Ran the commercial arm of a multi million pound PFI Hospital Development on behalf of a client for six months.

**1998 – 2006**

**Trett Consulting**  
*Regional Director*

Providing advice to clients in respect of a large variety of contractual and commercial problems. Identifying and preparing contractual claims. Providing advice in connection with disputes. These services have been carried out for, and on behalf of, contractors, sub-contractors, solicitors and consultants.

**1994 - 1998**

**Jarvis Construction (UK) plc**  
*Commercial Manager*

Originally Commercial Manager (civils) for Shanks & McEwan Construction, overseeing the commercial management of a £20million civil engineering turnover. Taken over by Jarvis and absorbed into the building business.

**1993 - 1994**

**Amey Construction**  
*Contract Surveyor*

Involved on RAF Machrihanish, on a £12million jet fuel installation project for the RAF. Main responsibilities included day-to-day commercial management of the project.

**1988 - 1993**

**MJ Gleeson**  
*Senior Surveyor*

Responsible for the commercial management of a variety of building and civil engineering projects. Included the preparation of claims and handling of disputes with sub-contractors and employers

**1988 – 1988**

**ERDC Ltd**  
*Senior Quantity Surveyor*

Responsible for quantity surveying duties associated with common repair contracts throughout central Edinburgh.. Including engaging subcontractors and carrying out monthly valuations of works in progress as well as planning works. Projects included the Alexander Glass building in Gorgie and the ERDC v HM Love project, whilst on site initially.

**1984 - 1988**

**Tarmac Regional Construction**  
*Quantity Surveyor*

Responsible for the commercial management of a variety of building and civil engineering projects. Included the preparation of claims and handling of disputes with sub-contractors and employers.

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**1983 – 1984**

**Dunfermline District Council DLO**  
*Assistant Estimator/ Surveyor*

Responsible for assisting the senior estimator in pricing council house upgrading works. Including engaging subcontractors and carrying out monthly valuations of works in progress.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Member of Chartered Institute of Building

Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators