

Resource Review

issue 2/August 2007

the newsletter of Adroit Construction Services

Welcome to 'Resource Review', your monthly update on the activities of **Adroit Construction Services**. In August Adroit Construction will undergo the final stages of the environmental audit to gain accredited registration for BS EN ISO 14001:2004. This month's issue has an environmental focus to remind us all of the shared responsibility we have to maintain the habitat now, and for generations to come.



Sustainable Solutions



Adroit Construction Services has completed works on the Leominster Fish passes (top) and is commencing work at the United Utilities hydro power scheme at Llyn Brenig Reservoir, North Wales (above).

IN THIS ISSUE

Sustainable Solutions	1
Japanese Knotweed	2

Adroit Construction Services recognises that our activities have an impact on the environment and that it is our corporate and social responsibility to help protect the environment for future generations.

Adroit Construction Services has formalised and implemented an Environmental Management System and encourages all employees to show awareness and support of the policy.

The EMS is very important to Adroit Construction. Improving our environmental performance not only benefits the ecology, but helps to maintain a profitable and comfortable working culture. We take great pride in the fact that Adroit Construction Services has not had a serious incident or prosecution against our workings for more than 15 years-a record which you can help maintain!

Information regarding the IMS, including the company's Environmental Implementation Plan, is all easily accessible via the intranet. The company's Quality Management System and Environmental Management System will also be available on the Adroit Construction Services website from next month.

The Environmental Management System is relevant to YOU. Make a change today and maintain the environment for tomorrow.

Best Practice

- 1) **Make sure you fully understand and implement the Risk Assessment form when setting up site documents.**

All forms and templates are available on the Intranet.

- 2) **Always report any incidents or near misses.**

Even if you are not directly involved in the incident.

- 3) **If you have any doubts, queries or concerns always check.**



August 2007

build **success**

ADROIT 
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Project Managing the Environment



Japanese Knotweed looks harmless (left), but can create expensive damage to even the hardest surfaces (right).



Project Focus- Environmental Management

Environmental considerations: Japanese Knotweed

Whilst undertaking the process to gain **ISO 14001** accreditation Adroit Construction Services is continuing to protect the environment during onsite activities with the aim to eliminate any potential contamination or pollution, and to control waste disposal.

One recently awarded project, namely The Crescent Borehole Pumping Station in inner city Birmingham, has posed an interesting challenge as the risk of contamination is actually part of the natural environment.

During the tender stage of the scheme it was highlighted that Japanese Knotweed was present in one corner of the site area. Adroit Construction, in conjunction with Pick Everards (STW consultants), recognised that special attention would have to be applied to this area of the site both prior to and during the construction phase.

Originally introduced as an ornamental plant, Japanese Knotweed is now labeled under the 1990 Environmental Protection Act as 'controlled waste'. The plant is difficult to treat as it spreads very easily and quickly and is notoriously hard to eliminate.

Adroit Construction recognised the most effective approach was to safely manage and control the infected area. Adroit consulted with the Environment Agency and a horticultural expert to establish a process of specialist treatment.

Due to the proximity of the site to the nearby Hockley Brook the herbicide used was particularly important as it had to be suitable to use in local watercourses. Again recommendations were taken from the Environment Agency.

An Environmental Plan and Method statements for the control of the Japanese Knotweed have been prepared by Rob Hampton, the Adroit Project Manager for the scheme. Adroit employees will take extra precautions not to spread the spores out of the infected area and into the surrounding habitat and watercourse.

As the site adjoins a residential area Adroit are offering to treat the Japanese Knotweed for the local residents whilst treating the on site problem. Adroit employees are aware that treating the widespread problem is all part of effective onsite environmental management.

Company News

Business News:

- › The tender for Lowenthwaite water treatment works in Yorkshire is being viewed positively by the client. The contract is worth £1 million.
- › Works for The Severn Trent Water UWW programme, a £0.6 million contract, have recently begun.
- › We have secured four contract awards from Birse Rail.
- › Stanley Downton has been successfully completed.
- › Accreditation has been granted by Achilles Link-Up for rail work.
- › Adroit Construction has successfully been admitted to the Thames Water's lot 3 and 5 register of contractors.

Geoff Allchurch has been appointed a Director of Adroit Construction Services from 1st July 2007. All at the company would like to extend their congratulations and support to Geoff in his new role.

Gary Owen takes his retirement on the 31st July after 33 years with the company. All at Adroit would like to thank Gary for all his hard work and commitment over the years, and wish him all the very best for the future.



Current Vacancies:

Adroit Construction Services is currently looking for people to fill the following dynamic roles:

Project Engineer Coordinator
Site Agents
Site Supervisors
Electrical Instrument Technician
Electrical Instrument Supervisor
Construction Administrator
Civil Estimator/QS/Estimator Buyer

If you have any contacts who would be an asset to our highly skilled team please speak to Geoff Allchurch.



Adroit Construction Services
Trow Way, Diglis, Worcester, WR5 3BX

T: 01905 763 445 F: 01905 356 423
E: enquiries@adroitconstruction.co.uk

www.adroitgroup.co.uk