

Ferguson McIlveen LLP

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The following message was sent by Ron Wall, Joint CEO, to all staff on 18th October. As it is important news it is included here to make sure that everyone sees it.

I am delighted to advise you that last night an agreement was reached that allows Scott Wilson to purchase the business of Ferguson McIlveen LLP with effect from 1st November 2006.

20/10/2006

Ferguson McIlveen headquarters is in Belfast with operations from other offices in Dublin, Glasgow, Middlesbrough, Guildford, Swansea, Leeds and Chester. They have some 250 staff and bring new and enhanced skills to the SW Group, including architecture, water engineering and digital media.

About 65% of Ferguson McIlveen LLP turnover is in Northern and Southern Ireland, with approx. 60% in the public sector and 40% private. Revenue split by Sector is 34% Property, 29% Natural Resources, 25% Environment and 12% Transport.

This Week's Headlines

The majority of Ferguson McIlveen staff will join Scotland & Ireland Division where they will immediately help to balance the Division's Sector portfolio across Transportation, Property, Environment and Natural Resources. Staff from Guildford and Swansea offices will join UK South Division where they will add their engineering and architectural skills to the Property Sector. Staff from Chester and Leeds offices will bring their environment and landscape skills into the UK Central Division.

This acquisition follows our strategic objective for growth and balancing the market portfolio.

I am sure that you will all welcome our new colleagues into the Scott Wilson Group.

Further details will be provided in Interchange in due course.

[Ron Wall](#), Joint CEO

Company News

Information/Library News

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Contact: [Susan Silcocks](#) or [Jacqui Grainger](#)

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Projects & Disciplines

Scott Wilson Power Team Undertakes Risk Assessment in Brazil



Scott Wilson is nearing completion of an innovative construction stage risk appraisal of two major hydroelectric schemes in Brazil. The appraisal and report are being carried out for the private developers of the project to assist with raising USD 10 billion of finance. In addition to

evaluating the project risks, the study quantifies the level of the maximum probable cost overrun resulting from cost increases and delays. This information is required by the Lenders and Bond providers to assist them in determining their liabilities.

The project team, led by Mike McWilliams and Chris Grant of the Ashford Power Team, has been working with the client to establish the likely risks, the technical and commercial mitigations and insurance availability. The cost and delay impacts and probability profile of each risk were estimated, and a combined multiple event analysis carried out using Monte Carlo methodology. The analysis was performed for each quarter of the seven-year construction period in order to determine how the risk level diminishes as construction proceeds.

The outcome of the study was presented at two all-day road shows attended by over 100 representatives of the developer, the banks and insurance companies involved in the project.

Contact [Mike McWilliams](#), Director (Power), Ashford

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Changes to the Development Control System

On 10th August 2006, new Government regulations on Design & Access Statements (DAS) came into play. These new provisions are incorporated in the new Government Circular 01/2006.



As part of Scott Wilson' s successful programme of short lunchtime information sessions organised by Gill Smith, clients were invited to attend one of the DAS Seminars organised at various venues (London, Basingstoke, Swindon, Chelmsford and Ashford) to discuss the implications for house builders, developers and regenerations projects. The presentation material was originally developed by Jon Dare-Williams (Bristol) and Jon Alsop (Abingdon).

The London session was presented by Charlotte Cook and myself on 27th September to an audience of 25 that included representatives from Land Securities, Berkeley Homes, English Partnerships and PRP Architects.

The new DAS, to accompany the majority of planning applications with few exceptions, are a fundamental change in the Development Control system. They are part of a seemingly unavoidable move towards more detail earlier in the planning process. The impact on outline applications will be particularly significant, requiring a greater level of information to be provided.

Statements are not optional, a substitute for drawings, or to be ' retro fitted' . In summary, Statements will:

- be revised and updated as the design evolves
- be required with an Environmental Statement
- be accessible with relevant drawings, plans, illustrations and images
- ensure that design is of a high standard
- ensure that design and access are considered simultaneously
- ensure that the context has been appraised and taken into account
- tell the story of the Assessment, Involvement, Evaluation and Design Process
- reflect consultation
- be carried forward in part to the reserved matters/implementation stage

For more information visit the [CABE website](#) or contact [Charlotte Cook](#) (Associate) or [Saf Ballout](#) (Principal Consultant) in the London office.

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Does Anyone Listen to Transport Planners? - The inaugural meeting of the Transport Planning Society South West Branch



Scott Wilson Bristol Office organised the successful inaugural meeting of the Transport Planning Society' s South West branch. The event which was a ' Question, Answer and Discussion session styled on BBC' s ' Question Time' was sponsored by Scott Wilson. Approximately 75 professionals both from the public and private sector attended the event which was held in Bristol' s Watershed exhibition centre.

A lively debate entitled ' Does Anyone Listen to Transport Planners?' took place between a

panel, chaired by Peter Stonham (Editorial Director of Local Transport Today), comprising of Anan Allos, (Scott Wilson' s Regional Director for Transport), Jon Usher (Sustrans), Helen Holland (Bristol City Council and Centre for Integrated Transport), James Cowling (Transport and Business Editor of the Bristol Evening Post) and the audience. Anan showed a great knowledge of local transport issues and many members of the audience took the opportunity to question the panel and comment on their discussions.

Following the debate, the panel members and guests had the opportunity to socialise over drinks and canapés.

This event was the first meeting of the Transport Planning Society in the South West Region and future events are already planned. If you would like any further information [please contact Jennika Bramer](#) in our Bristol Office.

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Patricia Vickers has joined Scott Wilson as the Corporate Development Director. This is a new role within the Group and one that has become increasingly vital since flotation and the creation of Scott Wilson plc.

Patricia is no stranger to marketing large organisations: “ My marketing experience, honed over 22 years in the UK and internationally in blue- chip, service-orientated companies, has focused on developing and repositioning brands, launching new product and services concepts and championing the introduction of CRM strategies and the development of customer service ethos”

Previously the Head of Marketing for Avis-Rent-A-Car, where she implemented a marketing strategy to increase market share and profitability, Patricia has clear objectives to help Scott Wilson continue to grow and prosper: “ My first priority will be to reposition the brand. Another important priority will be to develop a corporate communications strategy to increase brand awareness among the investor community, key stakeholders and potential customers. The development of an E-commerce strategy will also feature highly on this agenda. I am delighted to have joined Scott Wilson at such exciting times” .

Group Marketing and PR are part of Patricia’ s responsibilities and recently appointed Marketing Services Manager, Ian White and Corporate Communications Manager, Lak Siriwardene are working closely with her, developing the ways in which Scott Wilson sells itself to the industry in the UK and in key international markets

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Jem McCluskey has joined Scott Wilson to expand our portfolio of expertise and develop Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) as a new business stream. As ITS Technical Director, Jem will tender his two decades of experience across large multi-disciplinary and specialist projects in strategic network communications, IT and ITS for national and local government, both in the UK and Europe.

Jem will be investigating the possibilities for dove-tailing ITS skills into transport related and other projects in addition to utilising in-house skills in our ITS ventures – so expect a call or watch out for a forthcoming presentation on SWITS (ITS at Scott Wilson).

If you think you have skills and experience associated with the high-tech area of ITS, e.g. electronics, systems, IT and comms, then please email Jem with details.

jeremy.mccluskey@scottwilson.com).

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Welcome to **Nicola Foden** who joined the Transport & Infrastructure team in Ashford as a Graduate Transport Planner. Nicola graduated in 2005 from the University of Sussex with a Geography degree (BA). Nicola is aiming towards chartered status.

Previous to working with Scott Wilson, Nicola has had a variety of roles, including 'Chalet Host' in Tignes, France. Whilst at university, Nicola took the opportunity to do a study exchange at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Being a Chalet Host and going to Alaska elucidates many of Nicola's wider interests - she enjoys a number of sports, including skiing, has a love of travel and the outdoors.

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Social and Community

Scott Wilson Autumn Ball 2006 A Night at the Movies



What a night!

We hope that you had a good time on Friday - the evening seemed to be enjoyed by everyone and we've had some very positive feedback. Not only did the Mirror Ball achieve World Record status we also managed to raise some much needed money for the Scott Wilson Millennium Project. Look out for the full write up (including award winners and pictures) in the next edition of Exchange.

Once again, thanks for your impeccable behaviour and for your enjoyment of the evening.

Here's to the next one.....

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Jeans For Genes Day 2006



Well done and congratulations to all who participated in Basingstoke. We collected the grand sum of £391.45 on Jeans for Genes day.

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Ground Solutions Group It' s a Knockout Competition ' The Bludgers'



At the end of September, Ground Solutions Group (GSG), swapped their GSG t-shirts for Scott Wilson ones as they represented the company at ' It' s a Knockout' at the Essex County Cricket Club, Chelmsford. The event was sponsored by Andersen Group, and over twenty teams took part.

The day got off to a good start with ' The Bludgers' winning the Kangaroo game, and thanks to their Italian contingent, they were experts at pizza balancing.



Things also looked good as a last minute dash won them the egg and spoon race.

However, things took a turn for the worse in the land skiing event, with three members of the team spending more time on the floor than on the skis.



And, despite looking really menacing, they only managed second place in both of the table football matches.

However, the team finished in the top half of the teams, and all had a great day and are looking forward to next year's event.

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Jobs

- **Graduate/Assistant Engineer** required for building structures section – location: Glasgow . Experience in structural analysis packages would be an advantage.

If you are interested in the above position please contact [Nigel Williams](#), Glasgow.

Central Division have the following current vacancies

- **Graduate Engineers**, Nottingham, Trackbed Technology, (job ref code C660)
- **Contract Administrator**, Nottingham, Trackbed Technology (job ref code C661)
- **Geotechnical Administrator**, Chesterfield, Geotechnics (job ref code C662)
- **Principal Contaminated Land Specialist**, Manchester, Environment (job ref code C663)
- **Contaminated Land Specialist**, Manchester, Environment (job ref code C664)
- **Assistant Engineer**, AMScott Mansfield, Roads Design (job ref code C665)
- **Team Leader**, AMScott Mansfield, Roads Design (job ref code C666)
- **Pavement Engineer**, Ashford, Ground Solutions Group (job ref code C667)

If you are interested in any of the above positions please contact [Laura Webb](#), Chesterfield and quote the relevant reference number.

- **Personal Assistant to the CEO (Railways Division)**. Location: Glasgow. Closing Date: 25 October 2006
- **Electrical Design Engineer**. Ref: SWR53. Location: Swindon. Closing Date: 3 Nov 06
- **Snr Assistant Commercial Manager**. Reference: SWR44. Location: London. Closing Date: 3 Nov 06
- **Project Administrator**. Ref: SWR144. Location: Glasgow. Closing Date: 25 Oct 05

If you are interested in any of the above positions please contact [Amanda Haines](#), Swindon and quote the relevant reference number.

Please ensure you have advised your current line manager before formally applying for any of the above positions. Applications should be sent to the relevant contact by e-mail, quoting the Job Title shown, with a copy of your most recent CV, SW Grade/Salary and any additional information to support your application.

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Buy and Sell

3 Bed Villa in Costa Blanca

Ladies and Gents

How about taking time out, out of season, and enjoying the continuous sun and warmth of the Costa Blanca, relaxing by the pool or on the beach with an ice cold beer/G&T in hand!!

I am fortunate to have a lovely 3 bed Villa next to the famous Villa Martin Golf course which I would like to share with other members of Scott Wilson, who will get a 20% discount on standard rates. Please have a look through the attached brochure and if interested, contact me!

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<mailto:Interchange@scottwilson.com&subject=%20New%20Interchange%20Article>

Articles must be no longer than 300 words and all pictures should be in JPEG or similar format.
The contact, e-mail, and job title of the contributor should be submitted with each article.

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