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Blue House Bridge Replacement - Judges Comments:

The judges applaud the whole project team for delivery of this strategic project on time and to budget. The work to a vital transport artery for Tyneside was constructed without noticeable delays to the travelling public, this was only achieved by the commitment of client, designer and contractor to work closely and produce a solution that met complex constraints without interrupting flow for 50,000+ vehicles a day.

Cragside Iron Bridge Refurbishment - Judges Comments:

The judges praise the refurbishment of this iconic bridge. The detailed planning and careful execution have delivered a successful refurbishment in a very sensitive environment and have re-introduced traditional bridge building skills to the North East which will benefit the future maintenance of historic bridges.



Congratulations to all those whose excellent work has been recognised by these awards.

[Tony Buckley, Newcastle upon Tyne](#)

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Property Asset Management Win Four in a Row

Property Asset Management have a business strategy that is currently focused on public sector clients with large property assets. Clients would include those that have:

- Large property portfolios
- Assets dispersed over a wide geographical area
- Significant yearly spend both on capital and revenue budgets
- Require a range of technical consultancy services which are not provided by in house teams

Contracts are usually based upon a framework where there is no guarantee of work. The success of such a commission is to build a trusting relationship based upon a strong operational delivery that provides services to budget, programme and quality.

We deliver a range of multi disciplinary services for works which vary from design, procurement and supervision of construction for boiler or roof replacements, to new build fire stations.

We have built our competency in defined sectors including public authorities, emergency services and defence, with key clients including the London Fire & Emergency Planning Authority, East Sussex County Council and the United States Forces. These sectors now form the main focus for our business strategy. This experience coupled with our skilled multi disciplinary team has produced a winning formula.

We have recently won property consultancy frameworks for the following organisations:

London Borough of Sutton
Council



Hampshire County
Council



Kent County Council



University of Westminster



We have a strong order book and the prospects for the next year are really positive. In today's economic climate this is an area of business that has provided a real opportunity.

[Andrew Friedrich](#), Technical Director, Basingstoke

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Preferred Bidder Success on Antwerp Tram PPP

Business Consultancy is pleased to announce that its Lenders' Advisory role will continue on the Brabo I Tram PPP project in Antwerp, following the announcement last week of our clients' success in achieving Preferred Bidder status.

The Flemish Government awarded the Antwerp Master Plan Brabo I Project to the THV Silvius consortium (formed of DG Infra plus, Heijmans Infrastructure Belgium, Frateur de Pourcq and Franki NV). Business Consultancy, along with its local partners in the region – IV Infra, Ecorem and Nedmobiel – will continue to work on this project until Financial Close, expected late June/early July 2009.

The Project

The Brabo I Project includes the extension of two tram lines totalling 12km, including the rehabilitation and refurbishment of the adjacent roads and street along which the trams will run, literally from “ wall to wall” . The contract also includes the construction and maintenance of a tram depot.



The project cost is estimated at around € 124 million and has a minimum term of 25 years. The consortium will be supported by financiers: Dexia Bank Belgium, Dexia Credit Local SA, KBC, and the Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (Dutch Municipal Bank).

The Silvius/Brabo connection

Silvius Brabo is a mythical Roman soldier who is said to have killed a mythical giant called Antigoon. The giant exacted a toll from those crossing the river Scheldt, and for those who refused, he severed one of their hands and

threw it into the river Scheldt. Eventually, the giant was slain by a young hero named Brabo, who cut off the giant's own hand and flung it into the river. The name Antwerp is derived from the words meaning hand and to throw.

Building our sector portfolio

Strategic Consultancy's involvement in many of the leading infrastructure and transportation programmes across Europe is further enhanced through a growing presence in the Dutch and Belgian markets. In 2007, a transaction for the € 300m Northern Diabolo rail project for a new link under Brussels Airport was successfully closed. Our advisory team provided technical, revenue, paymech and contractual advice for this pioneering PPP project - the first of its kind in Belgium. The project is now under construction and is being monitored by Scott Wilson on behalf of the Lenders led by HSH Nordbank AG.

Our experience in the Dutch market includes a long-standing advisory role for the HSL-Zuid project and collaboration with local strategic partners, namely the Iv-Groep and Ecorem.

We are also speaking with a number of Consortia (Heijmans included) on further opportunities in that region including the A11 in Belgium and A12/A15 in the Netherlands.

For more information contact [Alex Jan](#) (Project Director)

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Scott Wilson Targets the Oil & Gas Market



The oil & gas market is substantial and all the signs are that it will expand over the next decade. In response an initiative has been launched to grow our business in this sector by building on various strands of activity that are already underway across Scott Wilson. In particular, we have identified strategic



partners with whom we can associate to accelerate our penetration of the market, and in the first instance to build upon our track record in ports projects for oil & gas clients.

An initial action has been for Hugh Blackwood to sign a partnering Agreement with Global Maritime (GM) who employ 350 staff worldwide. GM comprise naval architects, marine engineers, master mariners and offshore designers who provide engineering and marine operations advice to the offshore industry. They have offices in Aberdeen, London, Stavanger, Houston, Singapore, Abu Dhabi, Jakarta and Shanghai. Their services and office locations fit well with the Scott Wilson organisation and joint projects have already been identified in Angola, India and the Caspian Sea area. GM is keen to be associated with Scott Wilson for planning, environment, engineering design and project management services.

Peter Frankham & Colin Holmes are leading this new initiative by coordinating actions within the firm, collecting market intelligence, investigating leads for new projects and supporting those best placed within the firm to develop business. A joint approach to major oil & gas investors will take place over the next few months. Actions already completed include:

- Completion of a capability statement / brochure which summarises the services we offer.
- Assembly of project descriptions and service sheets to facilitate efficient preparation of expressions of interest which comprehensively describe our experience.
- The creation of a database which tracks potential projects and promotes coordination of internal action for partnering to win major projects.
- Established a client contact database



Anyone interested in more information should contact [Colin Holmes](#) in Basingstoke.

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Jobs

Recruitment Centre of Excellence

Luanda Bay, Angola

The Luanda Bay project is the construction of an International Container Terminal and an Oil Discharge Terminal in Luanda, Angola.

There are two main construction contracts:

1. The Marine works which include 2300m of quay wall and an oil discharge jetty.
2. The Infrastructure works includes paving, buildings and cranes for a 35 Ha Container Terminal with all the necessary drainage and utilities.

To help us with this \$700 million project we require a **Chief Resident Engineer**, a **Resident Engineer (Onshore)**, two **Deputy Resident Engineers** and two **Assistant Resident Engineers**.

Do you have maritime/port engineering site experience?

Do you hold a BSc in Civil Engineering?

Are you looking to gain some international experience?

Do you want to help create the infrastructure of a developing country?

If the answers to the above questions are YES then contact [Jo Smith](#). Full job descriptions are available on Unite.

If you are referring a friend, please direct them to the Careers section of the Scott Wilson website (www.scottwilson.com/careers) and ask them to submit their application along with your name in the referral box. Don't forget if you refer a friend to us for any vacancy and they complete 3 months service then you will receive a fee of **£750** for staff appointed to posts graded level 1 and 2, and **£1,000** for staff appointed to posts graded level 3 and above*.

A Selection of Current Vacancies

- JS/ANG-SB/ARE – Assistant Resident Engineer, Angola, please apply via Unite
- JS/ANG-SB/CRE – Chief Resident Engineer, Angola, please apply via Unite
- JS/ANG-SB/DRE – Deputy Resident Engineer, Angola, please apply via Unite
- JS/ANG-SB/RE – Resident Engineer (Onshore), Angola, please apply via Unite
- JW/ASH-EB/LFT – Lab/Fieldwork Technician, Ashford, to apply please [click here](#)
- JW/AS-MM/SH – Senior Civil/Hydropower Engineer, Ashford, to apply please [click here](#)
- JW/AS-MM/SE – Senior Electrical Engineer, Ashford, to apply please [click here](#)
- C981 – CAD Technician - Highways, Chesterfield, please apply via Unite
- C980 – Senior Highways Engineer, Birmingham, to apply please [click here](#)
- C982 – CAD Technician - Bridges, Chesterfield/Manchester, please apply via Unite
- C971 – Process Engineer x 2, Warrington, to apply please [click here](#)
- C966 – Senior Electrical Building Services Engineer, Liverpool, to apply please [click here](#)
- C825 – Principal or Senior Nuclear Safety Consultant x 6, Manchester/Warrington/Basingstoke, to apply please [click here](#)
- OW/PAP-AF/SBSEE – Senior Building Services/Electrical Engineer, Papworth, please apply via Unite
- OW/AF-LON/SBS – Senior Building Surveyor, London, please apply via Unite
- OW/BAS-AF/SBS – Senior Building Surveyor, Basingstoke, please apply via Unite
- SWR439 - Assistant Railway Systems Engineer, London, to apply please [click here](#)
- SWR440 Permanent Way Section Manager, Glasgow, to apply please [click here](#)
- SWR441 - Senior CAD Technician, Swindon, to apply please [click here](#)

To view the full list of our current vacancies please [click here](#) or contact your local Recruitment Consultant.

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To apply for any of the above positions, please go to <http://careers.scottwilson.com/unite> or select the “ Jobs” option from the Menu Bar available on any page of Unite. Here you can search for current opportunities and apply online. Applications from suitably qualified internal applicants are encouraged. If you wish to obtain further information about a position before applying, please contact the relevant recruitment consultant. When formally applying for a vacancy, please ensure you inform your existing line manager.

** amount dependent on grade, bonus is paid after 3 months service. Please see Section 26 of the Employment Policy and Procedures Handbook available on the HR and Employment section of Unite to see the full Referral Scheme Policy.*

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Social and Community

Scott Wilson Room With A View

The answer to Issue 219 “ Room With a View” challenge was **Brisbane**. There were very few entries for this one and the winner is **Willie Burrell**, Glasgow. Thanks to Mark Eisenegger for submitting the photo.



This week' s image:



If you think you know which office has this interesting view send your answer to [Interchange](#) or direct to [Angela Lowle](#). Please state which issue of Interchange you' re referring to. The closing date for entries is 5pm Thursday 21st May.

The answer to last week' s challenge will be given in next week' s issue, with the name of the winner.

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Touch screen mobile phone on T-Mobile network
5 Megapixel Camera
USB lead
Hands Free Kit
2GB micro SD card
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Contact [Ian Ross](#), Manchester

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To Rent

Top flat in large house in quiet residential road, Ealing near St Stephens Church in West London. Fully furnished and equipped, one double bedroom plus reception K&B, loft storage space, parking. Good transport links.

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Contact: Mary Corrigan 0208 998 9664.

Eoin Harris, London

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with
garden,
Porto
Badisco
Villaggio
Paradiso
Italy,
Puglia -
Lecce
2 - 6
persons. 3



rooms, of which 2 Bedroom(s), Independent kitchen, Dining room, 1 bathroom.
Surface area : 70 m2 / 753 sqft, Garden : 100 sqm / 1076 sqft
Date of last renovation: 2006

Amenities

Bedding : 1 Double bed, 1 Sofabed, 2 Single beds.
Parking lot included.

Location

Beach : 1 km / 2850 ft.
Otranto : 12 km.
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Town centre : 1 km / 2850 ft, Restaurant : 150 m, Supermarket : 1 km / 2850 ft, Airport : + 50 km,
Port : 1 km / 2850 ft

For further details and prices: <http://www.homelidays.com/porto-badisco/apartment-flat190032en.htm>

Contact [Claudio Bonomi Savignon](#), London

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Articles for Interchange

Articles should be submitted by close of business on Monday to <mailto:Interchange@scottwilson.com&subject=%20New%20Interchange%20Article> Any articles received after this deadline will be held over until the following week's issue. If you have difficulties accessing the Interchange address articles can be sent to angela.lowle@scottwilson.com

Articles must be no longer than 300 words and all pictures should be in JPEG or similar format (not embedded in a document). The contact, e-mail, and job title of the contributor should be submitted with each article.

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