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### Hello & Welcome to Issue 669 of Industrial Solutions UK!

The team at Industrial Solutions UK has been working extremely hard to bring you an issue that is full of innovative and exhilarating companies and we are very excited to share their success and achievements with you.

We have searched the length and breadth of the UK to bring you some of the most ground-breaking innovations and this month, we are overjoyed to be highlighting the activities of Peyton Medico and Davies Turner.

Firstly, we would like to focus on the accomplishments Peyton Medico who this month features on our front cover!

Secondly, we are featuring Davies Turner with the 'Logistics' profile following their impressive performance over the years. For more information, turn to page 12.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of Industrial Solutions as much as we have enjoyed bringing it to you. Happy reading and we hope to see you for the next edition!

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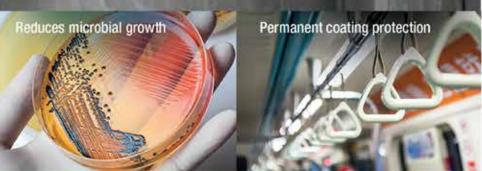
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### Taking you up in the world

pirect Hoist has scaled new heights with the addition of a bespoke training centre at its Lincolnshire site offering both familiarisation and NVQ Level 2 courses in hoist installation.

The company offers training on hoists & mast climbers manufactured by both GEDA and Electroelsa with lifting capacities available of between 200kg and 5,000kg depending on the manufacturers used. The new classroom and training tower facility is used to teach candidates both the theory and practical elements of assembly and disassembly of these manufacturers mast climbers & hoists.

The training courses cover up-to-date industry working practices, legal requirements and working equipment knowledge. The on-site facility includes a 10m high training tower, with capacity for transporting a two-tonne platform hoist, with full load to full height, with expert tutors offering hands-on optimal safety training.

The more experienced industry students are offered a two-day specialist familiarisation course in theory and practical assembly and disassembly of various lifts, with a further week-long course available for deeper understanding of erecting and dismantling hoists. Students are examined by an external assessor at the end of the course and will receive an industrially-recognised certificate, if successful.

Direct Hoist's recent expansion into training is testament to its industrious, hardworking team, who always go the extra mile. As a committed living wage employer, Direct Hoist sees its workers as the backbone of the company. But it's not only salaries that are supported, Direct Hoist recently trained some of its staff as Mental Health First Aiders, further signalling its commitment to the Workplace Mental Health Charter, through staff wellbeing.

All new trainees are placed on NVQ courses, rigorous



health & safety training, and further manufacturer courses. More senior staff hold the NVQ level 3 qualifications, which is viewed similarly to the CSCS gold card on construction sites, and as Rob explains, there are many things to learn, "It's surprising how much there is to learn for hoist installation, even for experienced construction workers and managers. We need to know load calculations, equipment specifications, whether there are any voids below grounds or obstructions (such as telephone lines) above."

"Right from the start, new trainees will learn about the specialised nature of construction hoists – including product types, electrical systems, fault-finding,



assembly, disassembly and reconfiguration into alternative layouts."

There are more training programmes planned for the future such as: electrical safety and working at heights. Direct Hoist can help companies scale the heights and take you up in the world.

In May 2022, Direct Hoist became the UK distributor of Electroelsa, an Italian manufacturer of mast-climbing work platforms (MCWPs), transport platforms, material hoists and construction hoists. Rob Wilson commented, "Electroelsa are a top class manufacturer who are leading the way forward, especially with their hoist & mast climbers having data logging technology so if there is an operational problem on-site, a diagnosis can be carried out remotely from anywhere in the world (if need be) on a PC or app on our engineers phone as it's vital to minimise downtime on-site, while maintaining efficiency, cost and ease of use."

At Direct Hoist's recent open days, the Electroelsa PM46 (MCWP) took centre stage on the 10m training tower and received glowing feedback. Elsewhere the expansion of the Electroelsa hire fleet can now be seen on a city skyscape near you, its signature vivid yellow is hard to miss. Direct Hoists' future is looking bright.

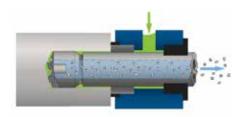
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## BTA Drilling: Brazed versus Indexable Tooling

eep hole drilling applications can be approached in several ways, but one of the most effective methods is often BTA drilling. BTA stands for Boring and Trepanning Association, although it is sometimes referred to as STS or Single Tube System drilling. Unlike gun drills or twist drills, a BTA drill features internal chip removal, which has advantages in both productivity and hole quality.

The BTA drill head has multiple carbide cutting edges and guide pads mounted to it. Open spaces are designed into the head for chip removal, and chips are evacuated through the drill tube the head is threaded onto. Pressurized



coolant surrounds the drill head in operation, and is key to forcing chips through the head and out the drill tube. This method of chip evacuation allows for a very clean and reliable process with excellent surface finish and high drill feed rates – typically 5-7 times faster than gundrilling at the same diameter. No peck cycles or feed interruptions are needed, resulting in reduced machine time while drilling extended depth-to-diameter ratios even greater than 40:1.

BTA drills are generally available in two forms: brazed or indexable; and tool selection is dependent upon several factors. As the name implies, brazed tools involve brazing a carbide insert and guide pads onto a steel body, while indexable BTA drilling tools have carbide inserts either directly mounted to the head with a retention screw or seated in a cartridge that is mounted to the tool.

Hole diameter is the initial consideration when determining whether to use brazed or indexable BTA drills. For small hole diameters – generally 12 to 20mm in diameter – brazed

tools are often the first choice as it's difficult to make small inserts and screws strong enough to withstand the torque and forces of BTA drilling. (Manufacturers of BTA drilling tools continue to make improvements in indexable BTA heads as small as 8mm in diameter, however).

Brazed tools offer extremely close tolerances and excellent surface finish as the insert and guide pads are mounted and then ground to the specified diameter, providing almost perfect concentricity and cylindricity. Ease of use is also a benefit – simply attach the head to the drill tube and discard it when it has dulled or failed. If you experience a tool failure, the investment in drill head isn't as costly as repairing or replacing an indexable drill head. Finally, an indexable BTA head can only be as accurate as the tolerance

of the inserts themselves; but a brazed head has been ground to a very precise tolerance from the manufacturer.

By contrast, hole diameters starting at approximately 20mm favor indexable tools, primarily for economic reasons. Replacing larger diameter brazed tools is expensive, whereas indexing an insert and guide pads gives an easy extension on the tool's life. Indexable insert manufacturers also offer an exhaustive range of carbide grades, coatings and chip breakers for application-specific advantages.

The placement of the indexable inserts on BTA drill head varies by diameter and by manufacturer, and can include one or multiple inserts mounted directly to the head or set in a heat-treated cartridge, which is then mounted to the head. Guide pads are typically mounted the head to counter the drilling forces and burnish the hole during drilling. Indexing, or rotating, a direct-mounted insert is as simple as loosening the retaining screw and turning the insert to expose a fresh cutting edge. If the insert and pocket were made with tight tolerances, your cutting diameter should remain reasonably consistent.

Cartridge-mounted inserts, however, typically incorporate a shim or other adjustment system to allow for a much more precise diameter setting after indexing inserts and guide pads. This process does require additional equipment, however, such as a micrometer and stand or tool presetter – as well as the skills needed to accurately make the necessary adjustments.

Whether you select brazed or indexable BTA drills for your deep hole drilling application, you will be rewarded with high feed rates and process reliability, along with minimal centerline deviation and excellent hole quality.

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The groundbreaking patented innovation is named 'Abaplas' and is the brainchild of Managing Director, Nick Megson. It is the first exclusive design in the world of its kind, providing a wholly sustainable, eco-friendly flooring method.

Established in 2020, the company designs, manufactures and installs resin flooring for a wide range of industries from industrial, commercial to healthcare. With a dedicated aftercare service, customers benefit from an annual follow-up site visit for cleaning advice and slip testing. Furthermore, the sister company: Abaplas Recycling Limited treats all





the plastic recycling for Abacus resin flooring products and initiates the sales of treated plastic for use by other product manufacturers.

We caught up with Nick Megson, Managing Director to find out more about this award-winning company, "Our products are intrinsically more environmentally friendly than any other flooring product on the market: there is currently no competitor offering a resin flooring that entirely replaces harmful silica sand with 100% recycled waste plastic."

"Resin flooring, along with many other industrial products, has traditionally been manufactured using silica sand, which is a dangerous and potentially

carcinogenic substance when inhaled."

"Abaplas instead contains non-harmful recycled waste plastic, which is ground down to a white powder. The process will vastly reduce the volume of waste plastic ending up in landfill or the world's oceans."

"The world's first resin flooring using 100% recycled plastic was installed by Abacus in the enormous VIP Visitor Centre auditorium at JCB's global headquarters in Staffordshire, UK."

The future looks bright for this flagship company as it

sets a new benchmark for sustainable usage of plastic waste in flooring for years to come, "It is expected that Abaplas Recycling Limited will grow exponentially over the next few years as more clients specify Abacus's 100% recycled waste plastic flooring. Rapid growth is also expected as Nick's unique process becomes adapted for use in a much broader range of flooring, construction and industrial products," concludes Nick.

For more information on Abaplas, please see the website below: T 01530 432790 nick@abacusflooringsolutions.co.uk www.abacusflooringsolutions.co.uk



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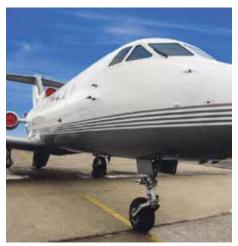
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#### **Hat-trick Award for Davies Turner Group**

or the third successive year, the Davies Turner Group have been presented with an internationallyrecognised award by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, RoSPA Gold Award, further solidifying this company's position as a worldwide freight and logistics partner.

Davies Turner provides pioneering direct UK weekly rail services in conjunction with their long-term partner in China, Air Sea Transport, who has years of experience in the China rail sector.

Since 2016, Davies Turner have operated China to UK rail services for full load (FCL) and groupage (LCL) shipments, assisting clients with their supply chain needs by reducing shipping times in comparison to Sea Freight. The availability of their import rail services has been vital to clients since the advent of the pandemic, where many importers witnessed shipping line ocean transit time delays, port delays and air freight became



cost prohibitive for many large volume or dense cargo shipments.

With confidence and demand for China rail freight services soaring, as evidenced by the 50,000th China-Europe intermodal train embarking on its journey towards the west at the beginning of February this year, Davies Turner have introduced and support a dedicated weekly eastbound rail service for LCL cargo, having undertaken successful trials.

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We caught up with Andrew Ford, Branch Manager in Rotherham, Yorkshire to find out more, "The Rotherham branch specialises in awkward and out-ofgauge shipments, shipping many vehicles ranging in sizes and type to small rail engines as well as large machinery moves around the world. Alongside this they offer standard freight forwarding – which means the Rotherham Branch can assist in almost all enquiries they receive: 'from an envelope to a large project.'"

"We have an extensive knowledge of the services that



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updated should there be any delays out-of-our-control."

"We have had a good start to this fiscal year, which was surprising with the current downturn in world trade. Our short-term plan is to improve our office environment with some renovations and also look at team building activities that had to be suspended throughout COVID. We are also looking at more training for our staff so they can gain even more experience and knowledge to help assist our clients."

Despite most of the COVID-pandemic restrictions lifting and shipping costs starting to decrease, the world of international freight still has to contend with the challenges posed by the war in Ukraine, port strikes and a near-global recession.

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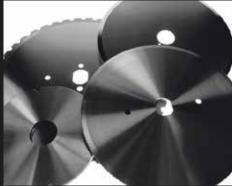
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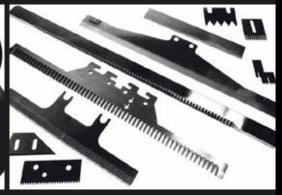
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Interface Force work mainly with aerospace, automotive, and motorsport companies, and Business Development Manager Tony Rokins told us, "We work closely with companies which are undertaking research into product development, and so this includes universities and also medical companies who need load cells for weighing saline bags – we have a very wide and varied client portfolio."

In this crowded industry, Interface load cells and torque sensors have a hard-won reputation for reliable, accurate and repeatable test results. The range of pressure sensors and pressure mapping systems from industry leaders GP50 and XSensor back this reputation.

Tony continued, "With regards to force measurement, our load cells are preferred by aerospace companies because they are highly accurate, and the results are very repeatable. Also, the devices themselves are extremely reliable and so they are looked on very favourably by both automotive and aerospace manufacturers in particular."

Interface Force is currently re-launching its XSensor High Speed Pressure Mapping System – the company offers a range of pressure mapping systems that can be applied to anything from impact testing to pressure testing tires, runways, beds, seats and much more. The XSensor system is the first system design to allow product designers and safety testing engineers to see, record and evaluate the distribution of force from high-speed impacts on safety equipment such as helmets and body armour.

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surface during dynamic impacts. Xsensor's high speed HS Impact system combined with the thin conformable sensors allows customers to accurately measure those pressures and evaluate how different design configurations affect pressure distribution on impact.

In addition to this, the system is also used by manufacturers of office seating, companies that develop seating for the home, and bed manufacturers.

In spite of its success in the industry, Interface Force is very much looking to future development. Tony informed us, "We are building new Applications which are based around renewable energy, and we are also developing Cloudbased, Wifi and Bluetooth data acquisitions by making our devices wireless. This would mean customers being able to collect data from anywhere in the world via an App."

This ever-growing comprehensive range of indicators, signal amplifiers, data loggers and wireless transmitters

has been designed to complement the extensive range of load cells, torque transducers and pressure sensors, and the range has developed to ensure that customers have access to the most accurate, up-to-date, and costeffective devices available

Another new development is in the Airport environment, where Interface Force have begun to provide wireless monitoring of equipment on, for example, luggage carousels, and this product among many others have helped Interface Force to have a very successful past 12 months especially.

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### Elevate your business to the next level

n this issue of Building Update, we have selected Elevate Software as our Company of Choice.

Construction project management can often be arduous, requiring smooth communication flows between chief architects, main contractors, chartered surveyors and sub-contractors. With stringent health & safety and contractual laws, alongside urban planning laws and biodiversity considerations, it is essential that project management runs smoothly to avoid undue delays in constructions.

Steve McGowan is the manager of Elevate Software, with extensive prior experience working in construction, from apprentice joiner, to subcontractor, contractor manager and consultant, under his belt. During his working experience, he noticed that the information flow was key to successful project completion and conversely, the



opposite caused frustrating delays.

"Elevate software can provide real-time updates, directing everyone on actions and this results in the team, prioritising their time and becoming more productive."

"Elevate Assist is a standalone software solution connecting everyone under one digital hub and is exceptionally user-friendly."

"Busy professionals are asked for requests for information (RFI's) daily on multiple projects and with higher management now often working remotely, they need updates quickly in real time, at the touch of a button. Elevate Software does all that and much more," explains Steve.

This smart software design was first market tested in 2007 and was shortlisted for Best Newcomer to Show at The Interbuild Trade show at the NEC to impressed industry professionals.

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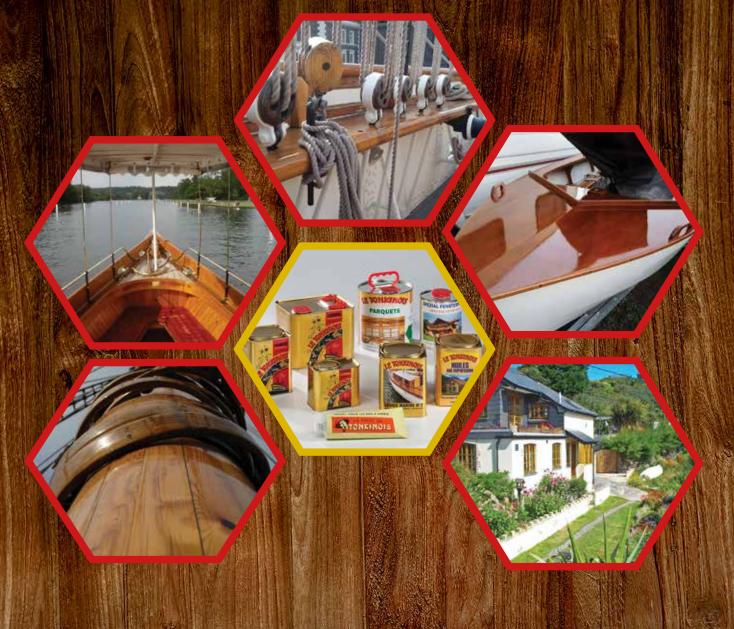
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AS's incredible growth strategy since it was established in 2020 has enabled them to unlock new partnerships and reach new audiences, scaling up even faster than they could have ever thought possible. With 35 years of experience in the access industry, Richard Martin - current Managing Director and Owner, and his small but vital three-member team who also have an abundance of experience within the access industry, have already smashed their initial five-year targets as it fast becomes a future ready company demanding speed, efficiency and value in all areas of its service.

With a sole mission to find the perfect access platform for your needs that also comes at the best price achievable, IAS have a number of services available for all customers. Richard explains, "Our main service is that we sell certain manufacturers platforms that include Easylift Spider Platforms, SOCAGE Truck Mounting Platforms, and the Leonardo HD which is a compact, versatile and lightweight mobile platform by Bravi HD."

Starting from nothing, it is completely commendable to witness what Richard and his team have achieved in such a short period of time. "We started from nothing to being a distributor where



we have sold over £2 million worth of Spider machines in the last two and a half years. One million pounds of which was sold to just one individual client, so we are trying to grow the brand as organically as I can and as long as I can keep selling this way the skies the limit for us. The growth of the business from standing start to where we are now is phenomenal and I'm very proud but keen to continue selling Spiders and other equipment," added Richard.

In closing, we asked Richard what does a commitment to excellence mean to the company and how does he feel they achieve this

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CON Safety Consultants Limited offers leading health and safety consultancy and construction statute advice services. The company prioritises and specialises in the highest levels of informed and intelligent advice, senior project resource allocation and compliance assurance. Informed by industry expertise, DCON Safety Consultants Limited knows that every project has potential risks, no matter what its potential benefits, so its team of highly experienced construction professionals helps to ensure clients' statutory conformity.

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Moreover, the company's services are centred on three delivery principles:

- Maximising Quality: The company implements proven health, safety and wellbeing strategies to help clients achieve high quality and cost-effective work commensurate with the design of their projects.
- Minimising Risk: The company effectively manages design and delivery risk on projects to match each client's desired risk level profile.
- Managing Compliance: The company relies on its extensive background working on a wide variety of projects to assist clients in developing, monitoring and maintaining compliance performance.

This excellent service would not be possible without the leadership of Diarmuid Condon, a construction industry leader who brings unique perspectives to encourage,



support and mentor the abilities of his colleagues. As a construction professional with a surveying background and experience spanning two decades, Diarmuid is emblematic of DCON Safety Consultants Limited's commitment to providing outstanding services to clients.

Diarmuid has contributed his invaluable expertise to over 400 projects over 20 years, with a client list including public sector departments, corporate owners, real estate developers, main contractors, design professionals and infrastructural bodies. With this incredible portfolio, Diarmuid is helping DCON Safety Consultants Limited to become a leader in health and safety consultancy across the construction industry.

Key to DCON Safety Consultants Limited's services is working as a Project Supervisor for the Design Process and CDM Advisor in various sectors across the Irish construction market. No project is too simple or too complex for the company's construction safety consultants, all of whom are construction professionals with an average of 20 years' experience in the built environment. The ability to maximise this knowledge

and skillset means DCON Safety Consultants Limited can generate distinctive and innovative ideas from traditional PSDP service inputs and outputs.

DCON Safety Consultants Limited also provides its main contractor clients with intelligent, practical, and reasonable physical site safety advice to support compliance and good practice adherence. Behavioural safety outcomes inform how the company approaches each solution with the contractor and their supply chain, identifying opportunities for improvement.

To complement this, DCON Safety Consultants Limited can also help with clients' health and safety strategy. Its holistic and integrated approach can help unlock substantial benefits for clients by providing a structured, objective and SMART framework for full optimisation through the creation of an environment that embraces health, safety and wellbeing.

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#### A CLEAR CERTIFIED VISION

Vandecasteele Houtimport are one of the leading European timber importers and have ambitious aims to trade only in certified timber by 2025

The Belgian fifth-generation family company, founded in 1883, Vandecasteele Houtimport specialises in the import, trading and export of tropical hardwood from Africa, Southeast Asia and South America, Scandinavian and North-American softwood, North American and European hardwood.

Sustainability and reliability are an essential part of Vandecasteele Houtimport's DNA. With over 140 years of experience, the company is determined to achieve the goal of trading only certified timber by 2025. The challenge lies with the hardwood and especially the tropical hardwoods. Today they are at 80% certified and have a clear vision: only certified timber has a future.

A long-term goal that can only be achieved by including all partners. Substantial investments have been made over the years to be able to realise this future goal. You cannot achieve this goal overnight. This is a long-term job in which all partners must be included. If we want to assure our customers that we keep our promise to only trade timber that comes from well-managed, certified forests, we need to be sure that all our trading partners share the same strictest certification and sustainability processes as we do.

Vandecasteele Houtimport has a unique business model. Importing timber from all over the world,



keeping in stock for several years, in some cases, even decades. Stock is our strength and our specialty. In times when supply is difficult or tight, we can count on our invested stocks to guarantee continued supply.

To achieve our goal, we have taken several actions within the company. First, we were assisted by external experts to get the procedures and protocols in place. Secondly, the team at Vandecasteele was reinforced with two forest engineers in Brazil. That way we can keep a finger on the pulse of every shipment, and we are able to accurately apply the ever-changing legislation in Brazil with great precision. This sends an important signal to our suppliers. They know that doing business with Vandecasteele Houtimport means complying with a procedure that is continuously refined and adapted. All timber transport requires our approval. When in doubt the timber is not accepted.

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Vandecasteele has a long-term commitment to preserving the forests. The family business imports

more than 130 different species of timber coming from 40 countries and has over 120,000 cubic meters in stock, mainly certified hard and softwoods. We support the LKTS program of FSC® Denmark with which we want to help promote the use of lesser known species. We keep these lesser-known species in stock and offer them as alternatives. Timber is too often prescribed from a specific well-known species. From the point of view of responsible forest management, we must dare to choose the right durability class for an application instead of a specific timber species.

#### Rethink everything: a positive evolution in consumer purchasing behaviour

Customers are increasingly asking questions about certification and the origin of the timber. Buyers are becoming more and more aware of the need to use certified timber. Importing tropical wood goes further than just asking for timber. There is a continuous evolution, because of new insights and new legislation.

Our company continues to make efforts to embed sustainability into the business. We validate our organization's sustainability efforts with the Voka Charter for Sustainable Entrepreneurship (VCDO).

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## The seriously multi-purpose GRP Roofing System

stablished in 2012, Tuff Waterproofing Ltd is the UK's premium designer, manufacturer and supplier of heavy-duty GRP waterproof flat roofing systems. TuffStuff® has a dedicated product development team that work closely with customers and its own UK based manufacturing facility to produce an evolving product range that is suitable for multiple flat roof applications.

From its base in Sherburn in Elmet, North Yorkshire, TuffStuff® is the UK's premier GRP flat roofing system and supplies its products through a dedicated stockist network throughout the country.

The advanced TuffStuff® formula uses the latest liquid polyester resins, glass fibre mat reinforcement and flexible trims, to create a fully integrated waterproof, seamless attractive finish with a 25-year guarantee on materials.

Tuff Waterproofing has further expanded its TuffStuff® product range and is now offering its latest GRP roofing innovation; TuffStuff® flexible GRP. This is a single resin solution that provides an exceptional combination of versatility and durability. It is extremely quick to lay and does not require stripping or redecking of the roof, saving customers both time and money. It can be applied to a variety of surface types and structures including vertical sections.

Managing Director, Greg Gimenez commented, "Standard GRP is rigid when it is cured, and it is specifically designed for flat roofs. However it can only be applied to OSB3 (Timber), and while this has been very successful, contractors have been looking for overlay systems which can go over other substrates." TuffStuff Flexible GRP can go onto many

substrates including felt, asphalt, single-ply, GRP, concrete, timber and metal.

While other companies have standard GRP, TuffStuff® knows that this flexible GRP provides an exceptional combination of versatility and durability. TuffStuff® flexible GRP has become a very important product already, for a number of reasons. It is a one-pot system, whereas standard GRP comes with a base coat as well as a top coat, and this saves a contractor plenty of time and, comes with a 20 year product guarantee on the full system.

However, the major advantage is that while it is curing, it is actually showerproof, and Greg commented, "If contractors experience a rogue shower while installing, they may have to go off-site, but upon returning they can carry on knowing that their work is not ruined (showerproof whilst curing), as it would be with standard GRP. This aspect of our product will really excite contractors that work with GRP regularly." This plus the fact that it is crack resistant, with no weak

points has meant that facility companies have also begun using the flexible GRP for patch repairs too.

TuffStuff® Flexible GRP will form a highly flexible, extra tough and seamless waterproof membrane – an ideal solution for areas of heavy-duty foot traffic.







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### LS Products BV to introduce new Autonomous range in 2024

n this issue of Building Update, we are pleased to feature LS Products BV as our Landscaping Product Company of the Year.

LS Products BV is the manufacturer of the innovative Eco Clipper electric mower system that was introduced for the turf grower industry in 2018.

Due to the fact that all the mowers in the range are electrically driven and use a special mowing deck design that incorporates small mowing blades, the Eco Clipper range delivers fantastic contour following and has the capability to disperse clippings well even in wet grass.

Furthermore, because of the high-speed mowing system, productivity is inevitably higher and fuel efficiency better due to the small blades and electric drive. The machine is very quiet and versatile under different conditions such as dewy grass and weeds.

The Eco Clipper® Mowing System evolved from the mowing system that was originally developed in the nineties on the turfgrass farm of the Leijenaar family in the Netherlands. At that time, the electrically driven 10m wide rotary mower was a revolution for the turfgrass industry, and up until 2008 there has been various models of this rotary mower developed and marketed by Leijenaar Products BV.

In 2019, the Eco Clipper range was successfully introduced to turfgrass farms across Europe and then in 2020 they introduced the 14.11-meter-wide Eco Clipper: RM14 Butterfly Mower and the Eco Clipper

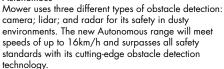
TM14 tri-deck mower that were both revolutionary mowers for the turfgrass growers and sports ground sectors.

Syb Leijenaar is the Managing Director of LS Products BV and has a vast amount of experience that is deeply rooted in mechanical engineering and mechatronic systems design, and is one of the creators of the Eco Clipper range. We asked Syb how the company has fared over the last 12 months and what plans it has for the future.

"The last 12 months have been slower business wise, although it seems business is picking up since summer. As we are an agile company, we used the opportunity to spend more fime on new developments. Our current developments are mainly focused on autonomous large area mowing. Our autonomous mowing system will be introduced in the coming year. We offer a 309cm or a 513cm wide Eco Clipper mowing deck where the power comes from either a diesel generator or a 61kWh battery pack."

"We are keen to increase productivity in large area quality mowing, hence lowering the mowing costs for our customers. For turfgrass growers and sports ground managers, we already have the most productive equipment in the market due to the large cutting width and high possible mowing speeds. For the autonomous mower it is important that it can be operated safely without immediate supervision otherwise it won't save labour. Therefore, we have partnered with a Danish firm that fully focuses on safe operation of autonomous equipment in the field."

Due next year, the Eco Clipper Autonomous



"Over the next few years we expect to grow gradually in the sports ground market. We receive strong feedback from our users stating that they like the capacity, quiet running and economic use of fuel. In 2024, we will be introducing the autonomous mower on a couple of selected farms. We want at least a year of real-life experience before we introduce these systems to a wider audience," added Syb.

LS Products and its Danish partners are really pushing the boundaries in autonomous mowing solutions, and the next five years are looking very fruitful for both businesses. In closing, we asked Syb how he felt receiving our award.

"I feel honoured being selected for the Landscaping Product of the Year Award. When you work with these products every day, you no longer notice that they are different. This award reminds us that we stand out. We are proud of that."

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## Deep-Hole drilling automation is more than part load/unload

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DEEP HOLE DRILLING SYSTEMS

For deep-hole drilling, part handling might be the most visible automation element, but it's not necessarily the most impactful. Often, it's internal process automation that yields the most significant results even with a manually loaded drilling machine.

When it comes to automating deep-hole drilling, there are challenges unique to the process itself. These include fixturing complexities – where maintaining alignment requires elements such as guide bushings and tool supports not present in a conventional lathe or milling machine – and part attributes such as length and weight.

Long parts mean a long drilling cycle time, and maintaining production rates often requires multispindle, deep-hole drilling systems. Unfortunately, stopping a two or four-spindle machine means two or four spindles sit idle until the parts are loaded and unloaded. So in these instances, the more parts in the machine at one time, the more automation can actually inhibit cycle time while the machine is running.

Solving this problem in multi-spindle machines requires internal automation to achieve the objectives of lean manufacturing and one-piece flow. In-machine loaders singulate processes so that even within a small four-piece batch you maintain one-piece flow. The operator or automation device puts in a part and takes a part out and the machine does a bit of maneuvering inside to sequence those four parts in such a way as to minimize spindle downtime while maintaining upstream and downstream processes for one-piece flow. For instance, parts could be loaded onto a smart conveyor, indexed, and lifted into chucks for the drilling cycle before robotic unloading on the out-feed side so that there are no bottlenecks to a steady production flow.



Tool life management is another form of internal automation. Getting feedback to the machine enables the deep-hole drilling process to adapt or halt, if necessary, before tools and parts are damaged.

Tool life management is built into a machine's control, and the machine senses torque thrust and coolant. Chip condition is usually the first indicator of wear, which would otherwise require an operator present to detect, so the machine actually monitors the process and can predict tools starting to wear and identify when they need to be changed. A tool life management system also can count distances drilled and the number of cycles then prompt a tool change at the appropriate time.

That kind of in-machine automation smooths the path for external automation. As the process builds, highly standardized options for robot-ready machines such as an automatic door, workpiece-

present sensors and programmable workpiece fixturing makes it easier to add a robot at a later date. These robot-ready machines also create efficiencies before they are fully automated. Even with manual loading, the automatic doors and programmable clamping make the process more efficient.

In UNISIG's experience, an embedded reamer tool changer enables manufacturers to manage significant throughput increases, even with an operator. With this technology, operators can maintain the pace of production loading the machine, while eliminating the task of inserting reaming tools for each cycle. This allows the operator to redirect efforts towards tasks such as additional quality checks and off-machine setups.

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## Bluerun Ltd once again achieves excellence in the workplace

In this issue of Building Update, we are proud to announce that we have selected Bluerun Ltd as the recipient of our Commitment to Excellence award.

Upon reopening its doors in May 2020 after the COVID-19 pandemic, Bluerun Ltd has gone from strength to strength with its trusted brand now being known as one of the best in the joinery industry that has recently attracted big name brands turned clients, Starbucks and Waitrose.

2022 was a great year for the company in terms of revenue and new business. It has managed to maintain a strong conversion rate despite the current economic crisis and has found that enquiries for larger jobs as opposed to 'single window' types of jobs has been more popular especially from domestic clients which mimics that of its regular commercial clients.

Based in Wimbish, near Saffron Walden in Essex, Bluerun manufactures quality, bespoke joinery items and everything is made to order, nothing is 'off the shelf.' Dee commented, "We manufacture items for the commercial market from door and window packers, to shopfronts, reception desks, mainframes, pub doors, and years ago we even made a trebuchet for Stansted Mountfitchet castle!"

Of course, the company has the capabilities to manufacture most things from timber, hardwood, softwood, panels and sheet material. Some common items Bluerun Ltd manufacture for the domestic building market include windows, doors (exterior and interior), bi-folding doors, staircases, bespoke storage units and wardrobes, all of which come with the option of being sprayed in primer or to a finish.



If you're looking for items made from both hard and softwood or even veneered and painted panels, Bluerun can reproduce an array of items including replacement sashes, where it can manufacture a brand new one on a like for like basis, so the mouldings will match. "Similarly, if a domestic client has found an image of a door, for example, that they would like us to reproduce, we can usually do that. Recently we

have started using a glass supplier that can supply us with stained glass effect units, complete with leading that has been aged and soldered, which looks absolutely breath-taking," added Dee.

Bluerun only produce purpose made joinery to client's drawings and specifications. Its unrivalled level of customer services means that free quotations are normally provided within 2-3 days or less, and the company can usually deliver a quick turnaround of any manufactured items required. And, because it has an experienced spray operative in charge of a modern spray point and lacquer facility, articles can leave the factory in a fully finished state, ready for installation on-site.

What really sets Bluerun apart is that since its establishment it has never used computer aided machinery for any designs. Crafted to perfection, all items are finished by hand, drawings are prepared with pencil and paper, and everything that is manufactured by the team has been done so with the utmost attention to detail. It also has the ability to obtain colour matches of any paint colours for clients that would prefer something sprayed to a finish.

Apart from needing the item to fit out its workshop doors upon completion, there is no limit to any project that Bluerun will endeavour to take on. Inspired by a challenge, Bluerun will do its upmost to cater to all enquiries.

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### Traditional brick production specialist

The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company, based in Suffolk, is a family-run business established in 1936. With over 80 years' experience in the industry, the English company truly is a master of its craft.

The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company is renowned for its traditional

handmade bricks which, fired in a down draught kiln, have a distinctive finish that blends well with the original London clays bricks. The beauty of the Suffolk company's bricks lies in their traditional production method. The bricks are made from clay dug from the same clay seam used since Tudor times. The wealth of experience amassed by the company coupled with their respect for the process is what separates The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company from the competition.

Having produced bricks for reputable clients such as the National Trust, English Heritage and Historic Royal Palaces, the company is able to lend its services to both private and commercial developments. Its facings and specials can be made with almost any texture;



with 150 different sizes of facings and a range of over 5,000 special shapes, including all standard plinths, squints and copings and extends to purpose made chimney bricks, terracotta, mullions, jambs, floor bricks, pamments, decorative plaques, garden edgings and a full range of rubbing blocks.

Aside from offering a wide range of clay brick solutions, The Bulmer Brick and Tile Company further offers a select number of additional materials. It is a stockist of Singleton Birch Natural Hydraulic Limes and Lime Putty, available in a range of strengths – NHL2, NHL3.5, and NHL5 – and sold in 25kg bags or 1 tonne bulk bags.

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#### **Protek ESP**



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### Quality and service count: Customised doors and panelling

n this issue of Building Update, we are delighted to select Pandor Ltd as our Bespoke Door and Panel Manufacturing Company of the Month.

Pandor is a leading manufacturer of customised doors and panelling across the UK to sectors such as commercial buildings, offices, hospitals and flats.

Established in 2014 by Mike Hill, the company has grown exponentially over the last nine years, priding itself on supplying exceptional customer service and high-spec products. Mike has expertise in the industry having worked in the fire door industry for over 40 years and along with his team is happy to provide customers with bespoke orders.

Pandor has production facilities in Sittingbourne, Kent and offices in London. We chatted with founder and director, Mike to find out more about the company, "We specialise in made-to-order client requirements for fire doors, decorative doors, frames and other associated items such as screens and windows."

"Our speciality though due to my background, is certified fire doors and door sets and we pride ourselves on a personal and prompt service with quick lead times on manufacturing."

"The COVID-19 pandemic set us back of course, as the construction industry ground to a standstill. We soon restarted though and have been ever busy, focusing on adding new services in the near future. Our unique selling point is our investment in modern machinery across the board, ensuring that we always



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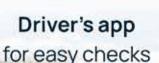
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### ECO PHYSICS AG develops new three-channel chemiluminescence analyser (NO/NO<sub>2</sub>/NH<sub>3</sub>)

In this issue of Industrial Solutions, we are pleased to feature ECO PHYSICS AG as our Industrial Emission Monitoring and Gas Manufacturing Control Company of the Year.

ECO PHYSICS AG offers innovative analytical solutions for measurement tasks in the fields of environment, health and process control. Using its vital expertise and technology to contribute towards environmental preservation, human health, and industrial innovation, ECO PHYSICS' interdisciplinary research and development team work tirelessly to deliver the best customer orientated and tailor-made products and services for the industry.

Founded in 1990 through a management buyout, ECO PHYSICS stands strong today as an independent Swiss shareholder's company with an active board of members who are committed to the future growth and success of the company. We spoke to Dr. Grischa Peter Feuersänger, Head of Sales & Marketing who explained how the past 12 months have fared.

"We have received a positive recovery post pandemic. Many public projects were reopened which generated a lot of opportunities for new references. The war in East Europe is a new tough challenge to overcome, especially for companies that rely almost completely on importing parts and exporting their finished products. But the main challenge for all of us has particularly been the manufacturing costs, shipping routes and exchange



rates. Since 2022, we have used this time to expand our product portfolio and modernise our production line. New staff has been hired for production and R&D, and we have rearranged the supply chain due to the rise in production costs. We have adapted our yearly forecast to cater to this, we know it will be hard, but optimisation is our current goal."

Knowing there is no quick fix to economic changes, ECO PHYSICS is determined to continue innovating and has developed a new three-channel analyser based on chemiluminescence. As an upgrade from the The nCLD AL2, The nCLDAL3/8555 CY analyser is the next generation in high precision nitrogen oxide measurement. Unique in speed and reliability, the nCLDAL3/8555 CY is modular designed and capable of simultaneously NO, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>X</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> and NOX-Amines. The new and intuitive graphical user interface also individually displays and connects to other instruments' data.

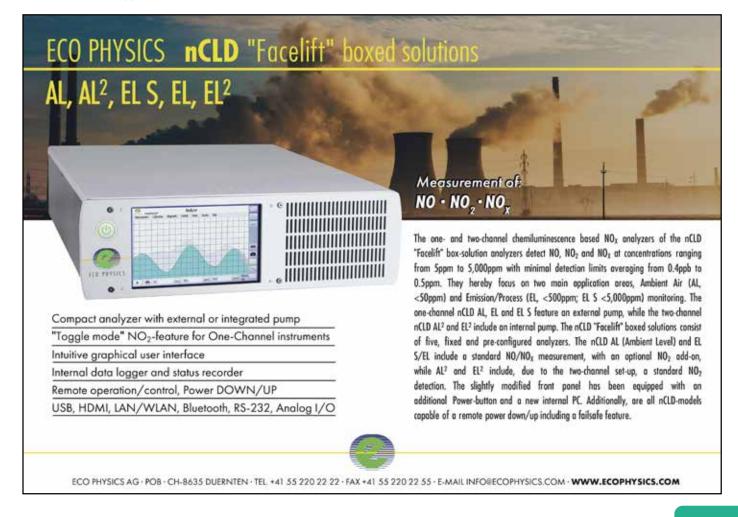
Overall stability and reliability are lifted to a new level. The optional electro-mechanical bypass system balances out even the fastest of pressure variations occurring in the sample flow. Furthermore, the analyser is adaptable to numerous non-standardized applications and the calibration of the unit runs quickly and automatically with all necessary data available anywhere at any time. Its user friendly, compact, modular, and intelligent hosting its own CPU whilst enabling interaction with other CPUs by BUS-communication.

Additionally, ECO PHYSICS has also been developing upgrade kits for all its existing products to help counteract some of the problematic complications the supply chain has caused. "We have used this chance for some substantial upgrades in hardware, software and gas flow controls," added Dr. Grischa Peter Feuersänger.

Going forward, ECO PHYSICS is excited to continue working on optimising production workflow whilst simultaneously expanding its current portfolio and developing new technologies.

In closing, we asked Dr. Grischa Peter Feuersänger how the company felt receiving our award. He responded, "We are extremely honoured to be nominated, thank you."

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## Hand protection that is a cut above the rest

Since the company was established in 2020, its mission has been to bring change to the end-user experience in selecting and buying industrial gloves, gauntlets and sleeves (PPE). As the designer and manufacturer of such an innovative range of quality industrial hand protection that is available for all industrial applications, Manosun is breaking the mould of traditional offerings with a core range of hand protection that are safe and the perfect fit for anyone that requires PPE.

"We believe our services outweigh that of any competitor because as well as our core-range of products, Manosun offers a quick turnaround product development process where we evaluate the end-user's processes and tweak/develop a more fit for purpose product. As well as our FOC site-survey to enhance any risk assessment, we also add volume to any work operating procedure," stated Steven Patterson, Country Manager UK & Europe.

Manosun breaks its products down into three category's that ensure excellence, longevity and value for money. Each product is made to the highest 'Quality' meaning only the best quality materials and yarns are used to ensure a long-life product that can be used over again without wear or tear, and that also give comfort to all users. 'Service' –

Manosun prides itself on its quick turnaround service whether than be an order process, sample request, or site survey. Lastly, 'Value,' Manosun believe that not only does the cost-in use value matter but also its business values too. "We work closely with our distributors and endusers to nurture them in a partnership arrangement that supports each other's enterprise," added Steven.

Manosun's current portfolio consists of a large range of hand protection products where it works with all end-users including globally known brands such as Nissan, JDR Cables, and SUEZ. Also part of its service, Manosun will survey any work environment, advise on the correct level of hand protection needed or if needed, and will even develop a brand-new product to the exact requirements of the customer.

For the past 12 months, Manosun has been concentrating on the growth and awareness of the brand. It's initial approach to 2023 was to increase the awareness its products and dedicated a quarterly plan that would see them employ two new field sales persons in Q1. The first started on May 22nd and the second will start in the following six months.

From there, the plan is to keep moving in an upwards trajectory for the rest of 2023 and beyond. "Moving forward, we will continue to grow our range of products. In 2023, we launched the Manosun BASIC range (not yet on the website). This is a range of gloves that contain rPET created from recycled materials (Plastic) to make industrial Polyester, each pair of gloves contains on average 36% recycled materials. Having a commitment to excellence means everything to Manosun, which is why we work with the BSiF as well as local networking and support groups NEAA (North East Automotive Alliance) and the AMF (Advanced Manufacturing Forum) to learn and adopt Best Working Practise from local industry as well as National and European requirements as a PPE provider/manufacturer currently instructed by the BSiF."

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#### **Manosun Hand Protection** A manufacturer and designer of industrial safety products Manosun was created during the 2020 global pandemic when industry took an all-time low in productivity Located in South Tyneside, the co-creator of the brand has over 16 years of industrial product development and 15 years within manufacturing including Health & Safety Our aim is to target the huge UK manufacturing sectors as well as power generation and conservation and offer a quality service, product and development ability, not all solutions can be found off the shelf We work with your traditional distribution supply chain so no need to work outside of any contractual obligations, your are free to develop and select your PPE requirements Manosun Ltd is also a member of the BSiF a sign and seal of quality and products that fulfil all UK and EU requirements of test and design.

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#### Oliver Valves wins order for **Major Green Field Project**

liver Valves has won a significant order to supply a large number of Metal Seated Double Block and Bleed Ball valves to a Major Green Field onshore project located in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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2. These are unmanned and operated from shore with access to carry out maintenance done by vessel or helicopter.

These High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) offshore converter platforms have a combined capacity to produce 2.852GW, enough to power the average daily needs of over 3 million UK homes. This makes it the single largest offshore wind project in the world.

Manufactured from 316 Stainless Steel, Super Duplex, and Titanium materials, valves are to be used in cooling systems and firewater applications. Regional Manager for Scotland and Scandinavia, Colin Wood, says, "We're extremely proud as a business to supply valves for operation on large-scale



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### The best available technique that is revolutionising Breather Valve Testing



A ssentech was incorporated by Ewart Cox (pictured) in 2008, who had 25 years industry experience, with the main aim of supplying quality equipment as well as providing technical advice and maintenance support for tank storage, fluid transfer and process safety applications. As the current Managing Director and a leading advocate for breather valve management and emission control, Ewart has recently been recognised in the Storage Terminals Magazine Top 100 Tank Storage Influencers Guide 2023. This recognition comes highly respected in the industry and serves as a testament to his relentless pursuit of excellence, his commitment to innovation, and his significant contributions to the tank storage sector.

Ewart shared, "We have left the path most trodden and forged a new direction that benefits both customer and the environment. My 25 years of experience to help customers, standards organisations, non-profit safety organisations and the regulators to reduce odours, improve safety at the same time as customer profitability is great for the image of our industry and helps to stimulate discussion on aspects, we feel are important."

Currently, Assentech supplies products from prestigious manufacturers located across the Globe. Always focused on delivering quality solutions with focus on the environment, site safety, operating efficiency to protect assets, improve profitability, safeguard stakeholder confidence and evidence compliance.

Buying once, buying well' is a familiar phrase with Assentech customers who are encouraged to evaluate their product selection by understanding the technical specifications of premium products and not base their purchase decisions solely on price. Assentech firmly believes that quality products have lower cost of ownership and protect the environment better than the false economy of buying cheap equipment.

Assentech's core strength is its comprehensive understanding of breather valve functionality, compliance and comparative knowledge of the breather valve marketplace providing its customers with a unique and supportive overview to help guide decision makers.

Certified by a UKAS accredited company to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001, its enviable reputation is the outcome of its core strengths which is to provide specialist engineering services, environmental solutions and safety equipment for process industries dealing with flammable, hazardous or corrosive substances. "Our main objective is to help clients achieve regulatory compliance, reduce emissions and optimise their production processes," stated Debbie Pearce, Director.

Assentech Management is also represented on two International Standards Committees with Ewart Cox currently writing an environmental annexe for API2000.

In recent news, Assentech has just launched its new innovation: Vent-Less. A ground-breaking technology that is automated with Al and algorithms which enables breather valves to be tested according to API2000 testing protocol.

A huge risk to any tank storage facility is through the breather valves that are installed on a tank. A breather valve or also known as a PVRV (Pressure and Vacuum Relief Valve) is a valve that protects tanks and vessels from overpressure and vacuum conditions. It opens when the internal pressure exceeds a set point, allowing excess pressure to escape, and opens again when the internal pressure drops below atmospheric

pressure to prevent collapse. It's widely used in various industries to maintain safety and prevent equipment damage or product loss.

With the focus on the environment, Assentech has spent eight years of R&D to develop

Vent-Less, which is designed to check functionality, sealing and performance of individual breather valves on both vacuum and pressure ports.

"Vent-Less will provide a full leak and functionality test in less than two minutes as well as irrefutable results. The technology is revolutionising tank storage facilities and is unique to the world providing a best available technique to quantify, monitor and reduce emissions for environmental reporting, ESG metrics and providing valuable data for net zero analytics. We have seen heightened interest on our unique Vent-Less technology which is the only equipment globally that will enable emission quantification," said Debbie.

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#### Thermal loop solutions: A path to improved performance, sustainability and compliance in heat treatment

eat treatment processes are a crucial component of many manufacturing processes, and thermal loop solutions have become increasingly popular for achieving improved temperature control and consistent outcomes. But many OEMs are missing opportunities where thermal loop solutions offer more than just greater control. In this article, Peter Sherwin, global business development manager heat treat and Thomas Ruecker, senior business development manager at industrial heating technology supplier Watlow, explore the possibilities of thermal loop solutions.

A thermal loop solution is a closed loop system with several essential components, including an electrical power supply, power controller, heating element, temperature sensor and process controller. The electrical power supply provides the energy needed for heating, the power controller regulates the power output to the heating element, the heating element heats the material, and the temperature sensor measures the temperature. Finally, the



process controller adjusts the power output to maintain the desired temperature for the specified duration, providing better temperature control and consistent outcomes.

#### **Performance benefits**

Heat treatment thermal loop solutions offer several advantages over traditional heat treatment methods, including improved temperature control and increased efficiency. The thermal loop system provides precise temperature control, enabling faster heating and cooling and optimized soak times. In addition, the complete design of modern thermal loop solutions includes energyefficient heating and overall ease of use.

Thermal loop solutions can also be integrated with Industry 4.0 frameworks and data management systems to provide real-time information on performance. Combining AI and machine learning algorithms can also provide additional performance benefits, such as the ability to analyze data and identify patterns for further optimization.

**Supporting sustainability**Heat treatment thermal loop solutions provide several sustainability benefits, including reduced energy consumption and waste. The power controller regulates the power output to minimize energy waste, and the possible integration with renewable energy sources provides a complete power solution that spans from element design to recycling. The thermal loop solutions, in combination with insulation design and materials, provide energy-efficient solutions that contribute to sustainability and reduce the environmental impact of heat treatment processes.

When discussing these systems in the context of greenhouse gas emissions and the environmental impact, it's essential to consider Scopes

1 (direct emissions), 2 (indirect emissions from energy), and 3 (other indirect emissions), as well as the less common Scope 4 (avoided emissions).

At the component level, energy savings can be realized using current technology. Advanced Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCRs) provide predictive load management functions and hybrid firing algorithms contribute to sustainability by optimizing the energy usage of heat treatment processes. These SCRs offer real-time monitoring and control of energy consumption, while predictive load management systems use specific algorithms to manage peak power loads and adjust to optimize for local conditions such as load shedding or load sharing.

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## 'The Health Professional in Court': 10 principles for practice

For this month's feature article, we interviewed someone who is acknowledged as one of the world's top surgical coaches and an international authority in medico legal issues.

Mr Rodney Peyton, OBE MD is a Trauma Surgeon who has the unique distinction of holding Fellowships in all four Royal Colleges of Surgeons in the UK and Ireland as well as being a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London. He holds a master's degree in medical education from Cardiff University and graduated in law from the College of Law in London.

In his career spanning 40 years, he has been engaged in over 70,000 personal injury cases as well as being asked to advise on more than 3,000 cases involving medical malpractice.

He therefore has a wealth of experience in preparing cases for and giving expert testimony in Court and has been involved in the training of doctors and lawyers in dealing with medico legal cases, individually on a face-to-face basis, and also as a trainer and keynote speaker.

In this article, he will cover his 10 top strategies to help health professional's deal with the Court process.

He is also a well-known author and international keynote speaker. For his availability to speak at your corporate events, contact him at: rpeyton@rpeyton.com.

Increasingly, senior professionals from all branches of the healthcare industry are finding themselves involved in the Court system, either on an involuntary basis, as a witness to fact or defendant, or on a voluntary basis as an expert witness.

Gone is the paternalism of 'the professional knows best' and there has been more and more scrutiny by the public of professional actions and attitudes.

Leaving aside the criminal law, which is an entirely different situation, civil legal cases are predicated on the fact that within every profession, or branch of profession, there exists a range of opinions as to what constitutes good practice. Defendants and expert witnesses are expected to provide opinions, witnesses to fact are not.

It is important to understand that, while judges are highly trained and experienced in the interpretation of the law, they and the barristers or trial lawyers who argue cases are nevertheless lay people when it comes to the healthcare professions. They are not medical experts and therefore require help in understanding the medical evidence before them. For the health professional, whether as defendant or expert witness, the duty is to assist the Court in their decision-making whilst at the same time maintaining and promoting their own professional integrity and reputation.

Most healthcare professionals rarely appear in Court. From personal experience as a teacher and trainer to those who do become involved, there are recurrent themes, which arise and so the following 10 principles have been developed to help guide professionals through the Court process.

#### Record keeping

Keep detailed contemporaneous records.

Any major findings or decisions, whether it be from working with a patient, a client or undertaking a project, should be on record, as one never knows when such events may become the object of scrutiny. There is an old saying, 'if it is not written down, it did not happen' and oral evidence is likely to be regarded as weak and suspect unless there is written evidence to back it up. A little extra time spent in ensuring accurate, contemporaneous recording may save considerable time, effort and indeed stress at a later stage when trying to convince a Court that decision making was sound. Remember, all written communications are discoverable and may be used in Court proceedings. Therefore, it is important not to make any gratuitous comments within the written record.

When acting as an expert witness, always look for original, contemporaneous documentation to back up later oral recall of events. Stick to the facts as presented and derive opinions from them.

#### Producing a report

Reports should be timely, factually based and the opinions well-reasoned, taking full account of appropriate legal tests.

When producing a report, clarify whether you are acting as a professional or as an expert and keep the distinction between the two. As a defendant, you will be required to explain your position. It is important you outline any reasonable range of opinion, which informed your decision-making and actions, stating why your own should be preferred, 'defence being the best form of attack.'

Being a witness to fact is a requirement rather than a choice. If you have been directly involved, provide evidence under clinical findings, observations and actions. Limit evidence to that which has been recorded and remember not to venture opinions or speculate on events.

An expert witness's function is to help the Court by virtue of their knowledge, training and experience within their professional field of expertise. Reports must not intentionally mislead and any omission of relevant information reveals prejudice, whether acting as a professional or an expert witness. All opinions proffered must be logical, based on recognised clinical evidence and guidelines to include the appropriate standard of care, being clear what was relevant at the time of the incident. Always anticipate counter arguments, addressing them within the body of the report wherever possible and be alert to the potential for your own professional bias. Expert witness reports must be and must be seen to be independent.

Do not revise your report unless you have been subsequently provided with new facts, which need to be taken into account, at which time you must explain why these have made a material difference to the previous conclusions.

#### Attendance at Court

Always present as professional and credible.

First impressions count. This includes dressing appropriately for the Court and ensuring you have all your papers with you, particularly when actually giving evidence.

Make sure you take time to prepare thoroughly, highlighting any relevant areas in your report and those of others for ease of reference. Make sure you have taken time to think out potential questions or possible arguments which may be raised and know your reasoning behind everything you are going to present.

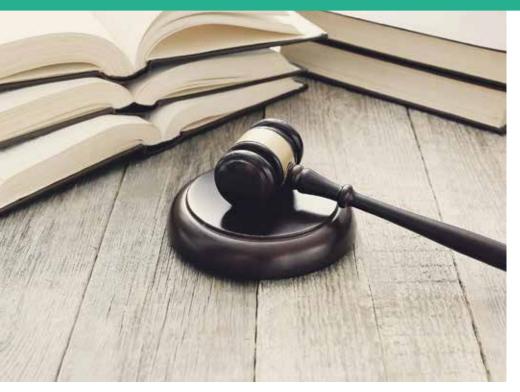
#### Court procedure

Be aware of the Court procedure in whichever jurisdiction you attend, while you may be senior in your branch of the health care profession, unless you are highly experienced in Court practice, you are relatively junior in relation to the Court process. This is particularly pertinent for witnesses to fact who may be unfamiliar with legal proceedings.

An expert is engaged because of expertise in a particular subject and must, not only keep up to date in their own field, but also be cognisant of the requirements of the Court process. They are there to represent their point of view and assist the legal process.

It is important they do not come across as overbearing, as they are, in fact, servant/leaders, tasked with educating the Court and therefore must understand





what is required from the Court's point of view.

Constantly strive to improve your presentation skills, for example by giving talks on medico legal issues, so that you are used to standing up and delivering legal points in relation to medical cases.

#### **Duty to the Court**

Your professional duty as an expert or a witness to fact is always to the Court, no matter who engages you or why you have been called to attend.

This responsibility must be taken seriously. The role is to help litigants, their lawyers and the Court better understand the nature of medical evidence in individual cases so they can come to reasonable decisions. In this context, it is important they are helped to understand what acceptable practice was at the relevant time.

Health professionals do not have immunity when giving evidence. Not having this protection has unfortunately meant that some have been at the receiving end of severe public criticism, up to and including the award of costs against them and even a custodial sentence when the Judge considered that, by acts of omission or commission, the Court had been misled. This can have severe implications on personal, professional and financial standing.

#### Range of opinion

Always acknowledge there may be a range of reasonably held opinions.

In this context also consider possibility vs probability 'more likely than not.' If a matter comes to Court, there is going to be an opposing view from another professional expert who does not fully, if at all, agree with your opinion. Therefore, it is important to cover counter arguments in your considered opinion, which adds to the credibility of the report. The report must contain logical reasoning for accepting or rejecting other opinions and include any references, which are to be relied upon.

Guard against emotional statements and hyperbole and never denigrate others. Very rarely is 'in my experience' relevant in Court unless it is thoroughly backed up by objective evidence.

#### **Credibility**

Experts must stay within their field of expertise when giving opinions. They should have a bespoke CV for each case, indicating why they are a reliable expert for the matters at hand. It is in the nature of the Court process that opposing lawyers will try to diminish your credibility and it is wise to have answers for the three questions, which almost every barrister/trial lawyer

will utilise at the beginning of an examination.

#### These are:

including your knowledge of relevant legal tests?

Are you an expert on all points on which you are giving an opinion? Is there a range of opinion, which reasonable and respectable doctors may hold?

Ensure you are clear on your answers before getting into the witness box. This is all about credibility and as far as possible stay away from arguing about legal, technical and ethical issues.

#### **Giving evidence**

There are three types of oral examination for all types of witnesses, the evidence-in-chief, cross-examination and re-examination.

For Evidence-in-chief, your barrister or trial lawyer will lead you through your report and highlight any specific points relevant to the case. Cross-examination by opposing counsel looks at those points in detail, helping the Court assess credibility and ascertain whether there are in fact other opinions, which are equally valid. Do not get into an argument with the barrister or trial lawyer who is questioning you. Expect to be put under pressure during cross-examination but resist being provoked. Keep calm and answer to the bench. If you feel that your answers are being cut short unreasonably, ask the Judge if you may expand and follow their direction, always coming across as reasonable and professional. After answering the Judge or presiding officer then look back to the barrister or trial lawyer for the next question.

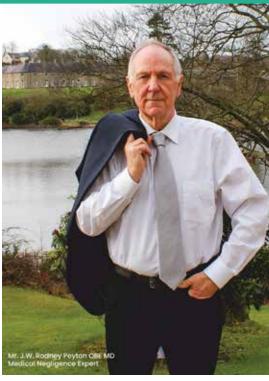
If you are given new information, which you did not have before then say so and, unless the answer is obvious, do not give a knee jerk reaction but ask for time to think it out. If it is not in your field say so and be careful of your own personal bias, again clearly separating fact and opinion. All your reasoning must stand up to logical scrutiny.

Re-examination is led by the instructing party to clarify issues, which have been raised during crossexamination. This phase is usually fairly short and rarely are any new matters raised.

#### Keep it simple

Keep all your evidence as simple as possible.

Remember, although the Court consists of lay people, they have considerable expertise and experience in handling different kinds of evidence. Take time to explain the issues at hand in jargon free, transparent



terms, the more so if it happens to be a jury trial. Speak slowly, follow the Judge and his/her speed of writing or typing as they will be keeping a record of the proceedings.

#### Reflection

Reflect on the outcome.

After the verdict, as an expert do not take anything personally and learn what you need to learn. Similarly, as a witness to fact.

Think over what transpired and take time to reflect on what went well and what could you have possibly done better, or at least differently. As Stuart Emery states, 'The path to mastery in any subject is to correct, not protect.'

Be open and honest with yourself and always seek to improve your practice as well as in the reporting and delivery of your evidence.

Once you have done so, move on. Civil Courts are not saying you are right or wrong in general terms, they are saying they prefer one set of evidence over another and it is only in the balance of probabilities.

#### **Conclusion**

Whether as defendant, witness to fact or expert witness, the process in civil litigation is the same.

By gaining an understanding and some familiarity with the process, practitioners can develop both confidence and competence in their role of presenting evidence. As an expert, the more often you appear in Court the more competence you gain and therefore the more confident you become.

Healthcare professionals are required ethically and by their professional bodies to continually update their practice, knowing why they do what they do in the way they do it, ensuring practice is evidencebased. However expert you are, you must not become complacent in either your practice or in Court.

Finally, all witnesses must remain neutral, explain the range of opinions, and be aware of their own potential for selective bias in any evidence presented. Courts are reliant on credible, impartial and articulate healthcare professionals and presenting as such impacts greatly on personal, professional and financial standing.

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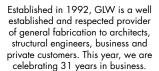
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"The farm has two main functions: a small family-run working farm in a beautiful Victorian farmyard and the farm park. The farm park is a visitor's attraction with a wide range of animals, Daphne's tearoom and a gift shop.

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making this a truly educational experience for families and children.

The family-run farm park welcomes schoolchildren visits and offers a 30% group discount on admission charges. The team are currently working hard to open the nearby woodland for visitors to enjoy and are in the process of converting the pigsty to a covered weatherproof area for school groups, children's parties and craft-lead workshops.

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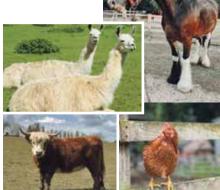
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