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Profiling the Risk

Capita Symonds and ACE health and safety lecture

Capita Symonds and ACE have joined forces to deliver the Capita Symonds/ACE health and safety lecture on Wednesday 6 October 2010.

This year's lecture will be presented by Health and Safety Executive chair Judith Hackitt CBE. It is entitled Profiling the Risk – determining what is really important and what is not in project management and consulting.

Judith follows in the footsteps of previous distinguished presenters of this high profile lecture including then Lord Chief Justice Lord Woolf; Sir John Cullen, then chairman of the Health and Safety Commission and Ian Tyler, chief executive of Balfour Beatty.

This year's lecture explores what is required to ensure sustained good performance

without complacently falling into over-bureaucracy and a tick-box mentality. This theme is very much in keeping with the recent announcement by the Prime Minister that there is to be a review of the burden of health and safety on industry.

It promises to be a positive and proactive look at a highly relevant and topical issue. It will be in-keeping with the long-standing tradition of the lecture which is to inform, challenge and progress the understanding and appreciation of the value of health and safety within UK industry, particularly within building and civil engineering.

Whatever your views are on health and safety, the lecture and subsequent open discussion are the ideal opportunity to share mutual experiences, concerns and aspirations. As in



previous years, Judith's presentation will inspire vibrant and challenging debate, discussion and no doubt

argument. Capita Symonds and ACE look forward to welcoming you to the lecture and hearing your contribution.

Appointments

James McKechnie

Hydrock Byways and Highways has appointed James McKechnie as an associate in its transportation and development planning team. James was previously associate director with AECOM in Exeter where he led the development planning team.

Andrew Swain-Smith

BDP has appointed Andrew Swain-Smith to its board of directors. Andrew joined BDP in 1994. Since then he has been at the heart of the progress made by the engineering profession at BDP's London studio.

Rob Ferry

Rob Ferry has been appointed environmental engineer director at BDP's Manchester studio. Rob joined BDP in 2007 and has particular experience in the healthcare, leisure and education sectors.

Patrick D'Cruz

Gifford has announced the appointment of Patrick D'Cruz as technical director. Patrick will direct the mechanical and electrical engineering team in Oxford. Previously he was with Michael Popper Associates where he headed up their mechanical services division.

Tony Dolan and David Schumacher

Curtins Consulting has appointed Tony Dolan and David Schumacher as new directors to head its new transport planning group. Tony Dolan has 25 years experience in high profile work focused on transportation planning and policies, traffic engineering, development planning and master planning. David Schumacher has worked in both the public and private sectors and has extensive experience of traffic engineering and transport planning.

Heath Lambert - top risk managers

StrategicRISK magazine has named Heath Lambert its leading risk managers for overall service for the second year in a row.

StrategicRisk magazine conducts an annual survey of members of the association of risk managers. This group includes all FTSE 500 companies.

The survey also named Heath Lambert the UK's leading independent broker for understanding the clients' business needs and was placed top of the list for level of risk expertise.

To find out more about the lecture please email Mai Cheung, ACE events programme manager.

URS buys Scott Wilson

San Francisco based URS has confirmed its takeover of the British engineering firm Scott Wilson.

URS subsidiary Universe Bidco saw off competition for Scott Wilson with a bid that valued the firm at £233 million. The bid was accepted by Scott Wilson's board and the firms will operate in the UK as URS Scott Wilson.

URS is a major engineering firm with interests in a range of fields. Scott Wilson is one of the most famous names in the British engineering sector. Both are ACE members and are active around the world. Scott Wilson has at the same time acquired the Australian based Systemwide Pty Ltd, a specialist railway focused consultancy with expertise in operational planning and network capacity assessments.