

STOBARTS SCORES HATRICK

West Cumbrian multidiscipline contractor celebrates after achieving three international accreditations (ISO 9001:2000, ISO 14001:2004 and OHSAS 18001:1999)



Christopher Rogan (Technology and Quality Manager), John Stobbart (Managing Director), Steve Morgan (Commercial Director, British Nuclear Group Sellafield), Malcolm MacMillan (Regional Director, NQA Ltd), Barry Snelson (Managing Director, British Nuclear Group Sellafield), Colin Rogan (Chairman and Sellafield Operations Director)

Cumbria, UK – Stobarts Ltd celebrated its recent recognition against ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management, ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management and OHSAS 18001:1999 Health and Safety Management standards by unveiling its new vehicle livery featuring the accreditation logos.

Stobarts has been working on its quality management programme for the past two years, involving heavy investment in management systems, employee training and information technology to ensure it can provide its customers with the highest levels of service, as part of its 'Building Partnerships' business strategy. The simultaneous award of three prestigious management systems accreditations is the culmination of a significant amount of work by the Stobarts Ltd's team and in keeping with the company's ethos of internal training and promotion from within, it has also developed a fully trained team of Lead and Internal Auditors in order to maintain the high standards that it has achieved.

At a ceremony to mark the achievement, held at Stobarts Ltd's Sellafield site office, Barry Snelson, Managing Director of British Nuclear Group Sellafield Ltd, unveiled the new vehicle livery and commented, "The simultaneous award of three management systems is a testament to the hard work of all the Stobarts team and I would like to congratulate them for this impressive achievement. Quality, environmental standards and safety are key priorities for British Nuclear Group and it is a credit to Stobarts that they have taken such a lead in achieving these accreditations."

John Stobbart, Management Director Stobarts Ltd, thanked Barry Snelson and commented: "In order compete for new contracts we realised that quality would become a priority for our existing and prospective clients. This achievement further secures our position in the marketplace as a leading contractor that continues to grow and develop beyond all expectations. For us, accreditation is merely the beginning of our Management Systems improvement programme, with all the senior management team highly committed to continual improvement and development of the high standards we have now set."

During the event the official certificates for the standards were handed over by Stobarts Ltd's independent auditors and certification body NQA Ltd, represented by their Regional Manager Malcolm MacMillan. On accepting the certificates and thanking Malcolm, Christopher Rogan, Technology and Quality Manager comments: "Delivering three standards has been an achievement that all of the team including our own staff and partners can be proud of. We have exceeded expectations of our largest clients and delivered a completely new set of business processes on which the company is managed that are both innovative in their use of technology and scaleable enough to manage growth that Stobarts Ltd has become synonymous with."

About Stobarts:

Stobarts Ltd is a multidiscipline contractor working in the construction, nuclear, decommissioning and facilities management industries.

Based in West Cumbria, Stobarts was established over 20 years ago by John Stobbart supplying joinery services. Today, the company leads as a major contractor on many projects throughout Cumbria, North Lancashire, South Scotland and Northumbria, with high profile clients such as British Nuclear Group, NHS, Cumbria County Council and the Environment Agency. Services provided include building, civil engineering, demolition, decommissioning, ground works, term contracts, nuclear works, formwork, joinery, responsive repairs and maintenance.

Stobarts Ltd's commitment to providing high quality services has seen the company grow rapidly over the past five years to employ 250 people across a number of sites in construction and facilities management roles. This growth was recognised by inclusion in the 2005 Sunday Times Fast Track 100, which identifies the UK's most rapidly growing businesses, following average sales increases of 66% per year, from an annualised £2.2m in 2001 to £9.8m in 2004. Stobarts Ltd also holds Investors in People accreditation and was recognised as Business of the Year 2004/2005 by the North West Accountants Society. www.stobarts.com

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