

JOHN STOBBART PLEDGES HIS HELP TO FELLOW WEST CUMBRIANS FOLLOWING FLOODS

Photo of John on lifeboat to be inserted

West Cumbria, UK - John Stobbart, Coxwain of the Workington lifeboat and Managing Director of local construction firm, Stobbarts Ltd has today announced that in order to assist fellow West Cumbrian's with the clean-up and rebuilding of the area, he will make available the services of the company to initially clean up and make safe domestic properties at cost.

John has spent the entire weekend manning the lifeboats and assisting with the rescue operations in the area as seen on national television, he comments: "I am deeply saddened to see the devastation in this part of the county and am humbled by watching the community pull-together in the midst of so much adversity. The West Cumbrian people are a credit to the country and with their determination and resolve they will work together in order to rebuild and restore the area."

The decision of John to offer the company's services at cost builds upon several years as a successful contractor for the insurance industry, one of very few in the area who have been trusted by the insurance companies to do direct repairs for them through the Asprea framework contract (Norwich Union / Aviva) . "Having worked in the contracting world for over thirty years, I know the area will get a lot of attention from national contractors looking to assist the rebuilding in the area. I want to ensure that as part as our own socio-economic responsibilities to the area that the local population are able to come to us as a safe pair of hands, with in-depth experience locally and with insurance claims to help them rebuild their homes and businesses. As part of this commitment, we shall offer our services to the local community who approach us to assist in flood remediation at cost."

Stobbarts employs over 250 employees and has a high profile presence at the Sellafield Nuclear site, many of the company's own employees have been impacted by the recent floods and have had to move out of their homes into temporary accommodation. The company has a very-well developed Corporate Responsibility programme that is reviewed regularly by external consultants to verify that it performs on its socio-economic commitments to both its staff and the wider community.

John Stobbart has been Coxwain of the lifeboat for over fifteen years and a member of the lifeboat for over twenty-five years. He and his crew have rescued dozens of people in need at sea and in similar in-land emergencies as seen in Workington and Cockermouth this weekend. The commitment he has shown to the community over these years has become part of his company's culture and very much embodied in everything that the company does.

As part of John's commitment to the local community he has set-up a special action line to assist the community with repairs to their property, run by the head of his insurance services team, Alan Ferris on Workington (01900) 734 694.

Notes to Editors

About Stobbarts:

Stobbarts Ltd is a multidiscipline contractor working in the construction, nuclear, decommissioning and facilities management industries. Through the company's 'Building Partnerships' approach to business they are committed to the delivery of exceptional value and service. To achieve this we work to build long-term relationships with its clients and collaborate with our supply chain to achieve the highest levels of quality, health, safety and environmental performance.

Established over 20 years ago in Workington, Cumbria, Stobbarts started supplying joinery services to major contractors in the area. Today after much success, the company leads as a major contractor on many projects throughout Cumbria, North Lancashire, South Scotland and Northumbria. Having vastly expanded the scale and scope of the services it can provide in-house the company continues to go strength-to-strength it now acts as a multidiscipline company, currently employing over 250 people directly across a number of sites in construction and facilities management roles, all of which are sourced from the West Cumbrian area. The company has achieved profitable growth successively for a number of years through a skilled and trained workforce, providing high quality services to a diverse client portfolio. Core skills include, but are not limited to: building, civil engineering, demolition, decommissioning, ground works, term contracts, nuclear works, formwork, joinery, responsive repairs and maintenance.

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