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KEY FACTS

- ✓ Chartered Quantity Surveyor
- ✓ Almost 30 years' experience in construction and engineering
- ✓ Industry experience in Civil Engineering including sub-sea related projects; Energy; Process & Chemical; Water; Offshore; Building; Transport and Utilities sectors
- ✓ Detailed knowledge of NEC Contracts, MF/1, ICE Contracts, FIDIC, IChemE Contracts, GC/Works Contracts and JCT contracts
- ✓ International experience includes Europe, USA, Hong Kong and Middle East
- ✓ Numerous Quantum Expert appointments on disputes ranging from £100k to £100m+

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Stephen has almost 30 years' experience in the construction and engineering industries working for both contractors and in private practice. He trained as a quantity surveyor initially with a national civil engineering contractor and subsequently worked for a number of national building contractors and developers, progressing up to the position of area / senior quantity surveyor with a major contractor responsible for a team of quantity surveyors.

During this time he gained comprehensive experience in cost planning and feasibility studies, procurement and drafting of Contract documents, project budgeting, project controls, evaluation of variations and claims and Final Account preparation and agreement.

He subsequently moved into consultancy at BWS International Construction Consultants (now Driver Consult Limited). Stephen now heads Driver Group PLC, hence the majority of his work is in the area of dispute resolution, and given his professional background, this is typically in the context of considering and analysing claims by and for contractors and subcontractors, or addressing claims relating to the services performed by professional consultants.

Stephen has a detailed knowledge of NEC Contracts, MF/1, ICE Contracts, FIDIC, IChemE Contracts, GC/Works Contracts and the full range of JCT contracts.

He has lectured extensively on pre and post contract issues to civil engineering, engineering, building contractors, quantity surveyors and other construction industry audiences including CICES, ACostE, CIBSE, CIOB and the RICS.

In addition to being technically qualified, Stephen has a Masters degree in Construction Law and Arbitration from Kings College, London. He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors and a Member of the Cost Engineers and Academy of Experts.

Stephen has developed a full range of knowledge at all levels of quantity surveying and brings this experience to his expert witness work. This has been obtained by being employed to devise

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procurement strategy; invitation and selection of contractors and subcontractors to tender; undertaking financial and technical tender reconciliations; determining financial, contractual and time implications of pre and post award changes and undertaking all aspects of post contract commercial monitoring of projects.

Stephen now specialises in the field of dispute management and appointments as Quantum Expert. This expertise has been gained in most spheres of the construction and engineering industries including civil engineering, building, oil and gas, heavy engineering, petrochemical, power and process engineering, nuclear, telecoms and offshore projects.

A summary of this experience, on a sector-by-sector basis, is summarised below.

CIVIL ENGINEERING

Stephen has undertaken expert appointments acting on behalf of large contractors and joint ventures on multi-million pound airport projects and major road schemes. These have included appointments in relation to professional negligence cases and claims for breach of contract, requiring the evaluation of sophisticated claims for delay, disruption and acceleration. Several other appointments have been undertaken in respect of similar evaluation issues on the civil elements on power stations and nuclear power plants.

ENERGY

Extensive knowledge has also been gained in the power and energy sector with several appointments as Expert Witness or project advisor having been undertaken on gas fired power stations and nuclear power stations. Stephen has had an involvement in most power stations in the UK. Specific expert appointments have focussed on the evaluation of variations, delay, disruption and acceleration claims on mechanical elements of power plants.

PROCESS AND CHEMICAL

Refinery, pharmaceutical and process plant expertise includes the provision of claims support and advice as well as expert appointments on numerous projects in the UK and USA, requiring the resolution of complex variations, time and money related issues.

WATER

A similar level of expertise has been gained in water related industries including expert witness appointments to address liability and evaluate quantum on electrical, instrumentation and SCADA packages, mechanical and process packages and civil engineering works on effluent / sewage treatment works and chemical treatment plants. Projects in this sector also required resolution of complex variations, time and money related issues.

OFFSHORE

Advisory roles and expert appointments have also been undertaken in connection offshore structures, pipelaying barges, floating production vessels and subsea flowline equipment associated with FPSOs.

BUILDING

Numerous expert witness appointments dealing with quantum issues have been undertaken on various multi-storey and city centre developments in the UK. This has involved developments in connection with historical buildings, refurbishment projects and new build developments in connection with residential, retail, office and commercial buildings.

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TRANSPORT

Appointment to assist in the supervision and preparation of time and money claims for communication and control systems in connection with Tramlink Extension.

UTILITIES

Appointment as commercial/claims adviser in connection with £120m fibre optic network project throughout the UK.