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## **CD ASSOCIATES (UK) LTD - INTRODUCTION**

CD Associates (UK) Ltd is a professional quantity surveying practice which was formed in 2001 via the integration of QH International Limited and the cost engineering services provided by Contract Design (Northern) Limited. The company provides commercial, contractual, quantity surveying services, legal and accountancy expertise; it also has the capability to supply management services and personnel.

CD Associates (UK) has provided services to a variety of clients in the construction industry ranging from oil and gas operations in South East Asia, Spain and Norway to building and civil engineering contracting companies in the United Kingdom.

CD Associates (UK) specialise in offering comprehensive expertise in the preparation or rebuttal of contractual claims, providing expert witness / dispute resolution services and can perform commercial forensic audits and analyses.

Total CD Associates (UK) manpower is currently over 30 personnel with associate firms located in the United States of America, Nigeria, Singapore and Republic of South Africa from which a competitive and expert re-measurement service may be provided.

### **Areas of Operation / Clients:**

CD Associates (UK) employees and consultants have backgrounds covering the complete range of construction and engineering activities; this facilitates service provision in a diverse range of disciplines and to an expansive and wide-scale client base.

Services are supplied in the following disciplines:

- Offshore Oil & Gas Engineering
- Marine Engineering and Shipbuilding
- Building Construction and Services
- Civil and Structural Engineering
- Pipeline Installations
- Process Engineering
- Petrochemical Installations
- Pharmaceuticals.
- Shipbuilding / FPSO's.
- Nuclear

Client base:

- Contractors
- Sub-contractors
- Owners & Developers
- Solicitors
- Architects
- Engineers
- Accountants
- Insurers & Loss Adjusters
- Financial Institutions
- Construction consultants

CD Associates (UK) is part of the CD Group of companies, which includes amongst others; Contract Design (Northern) Limited, established in 1987; and Eldon Bureau Limited, collectively providing detail engineering, manpower supply services and technical translations.

## **SERVICES**

A combination of many years practical experience combined with appropriate expertise means CD Associates (UK) are able to offer a comprehensive service across each of the following areas:

### **Contract Administration & Commercial Management**

In order to correctly administer any type of contract it is imperative that correct procedures are implemented at the outset. CD Associates (UK) can provide experienced professionals capable of managing all commercial aspects of a project from inception through to contract award and completion. In a contract administration role CD Associates (UK) consultants can deal with contractual problems on a daily basis as they arise, and can mitigate their effect to reduce the risk of a dispute situation developing.

### **Quantity Surveying**

Whilst many construction companies have their own in-house quantity surveyors, there are many occasions when it is necessary to supplement these resources. Whether a project requires individual Quantity Surveyors or dedicated client tailored teams, CD Associates (UK) can put the right people in place both in the UK and throughout the world.

### **Dispute Management**

In a dispute situation there are many benefits in employing specialist consultants to prepare or defend a claim. Often a client's own project team can be too closely involved to provide an objective opinion or may not have the expertise to analyse the information available and draw together a concise submission which reaches clear factual conclusions.

CD Associates (UK) has assembled and has available for deployment, specialist consultants experienced to assist clients in situations where commercial / contractual disputes require resolution.

### **Expert Witness Reports**

CD Associates (UK) has access to appropriately qualified and experienced experts able to produce reports for litigation or arbitration on matters of quantum, delay and disruption.

### **Recruitment Services**

CD Associates (UK) have earned a reputation for successfully matching the right people with the right jobs, it is positioned to respond to specific client requirements and is able to provide temporary or permanent personnel at all levels of expertise from varying construction disciplines. These may be placed on domestic or international assignments on an ad-hoc, short or long term basis.

<p><u>Recruitment disciplines:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claim Experts.</li><li>• Commercial Managers.</li><li>• Contract Administrators.</li><li>• Quantity Surveyors.</li><li>• Cost Engineers.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civil Engineers.</li><li>• Project Engineers.</li><li>• Project Managers.</li><li>• Planners.</li><li>• Project Service Personnel.</li></ul>
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CD Associates (UK) has developed a personal and professional service to be both responsive and flexible; recruitment solutions are tailored to meet precise client needs and requirements.

All candidates are carefully screened, interviewed and assessed saving client time, money and potential disappointment. This, together with regular appraisals and continuous performance assessments, guarantee a quality service every time.

CD Associates (UK) consultants are of the highest calibre and appreciate the need for confidentiality, integrity and the highest standard of service.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION & CLAIM SERVICES**

CD Associates (UK) has assembled a highly experienced and qualified team of experts so that it can supply individually, or as part of a team, a flexible competitive and quality approach to commercial problems based on the individuals many years of experience in:

Key personnel range of experience:

- Offshore Oil & Gas Engineering
- Marine Engineering and Shipbuilding
- Building Construction and Services
- Civil and Structural Engineering
- Pipeline Installations
- Process Engineering
- Petrochemical Installations
- Pharmaceuticals.
- Shipbuilding / FPSO's.
- Nuclear

Specific skills include legal documentation, joint ventures, contract and sub-contract preparation and analysis, cost analysis and enhancement of recovery in loss making or marginal profit projects, claims preparation and rebuttal, quantum analysis and expert witness work.

### **John Cook MRICS**

Managing Director of CD Associates (UK)

John has over 40 years experience as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor in private practice and local government as well as a period in industry as Contract Director, Press Offshore (part of the AMEC Group) and Commercial Director, AMEC Process and Energy International. Experience of all construction disciplines including claims and arbitration work in a variety of countries world-wide.

## **John Fenwick BA (Hons)**

### Consultant

John has worked in the construction and engineering industries since qualifying as a Solicitor in 1974. He became Head of Legal Services for the John Laing group during 1974-1988 and then joined the AMEC group in 1988 in a similar role. He retired from formal practice in 2002 but has continued to work as a consultant on specific projects. He has a broad experience of legal matters affecting business but with particular emphasis on main and subcontract conditions of contract (both standard form and bespoke), joint venture and other collaborative agreements, acquisition and disposal of businesses and claims and dispute resolution.

## **Michael G W Conisbee FRICS FIOCS ACI Arb**

### Consultant

Michael is a chartered quantity surveyor, claims consultant, adjudicator and expert witness with over 40 years experience on a wide variety of building, civil engineering and mining projects from both the commercial and industrial sectors of industry. Wide ranging experience and expertise in all aspects of quantity surveying from enquiry to project completion acting on behalf of end-clients, main contractors and specialist sub-contractors. Key areas of focus have included: feasibility studies, cost planning, project management / financial management controls, consultancy, estimating, final account preparation, negotiation and agreement, contractual claims preparation / defence and negotiation. Experienced as an expert witness and as an adjudicator on a variety of construction and professional disputes

## **Dirk Fitzhugh**

### Consultant

Dirk has over 30 years experience in the construction industry, having been a legal advisor in the Tarmac (Group Legal Advisor 1992-1999) and Cavillion Group (Company Secretary / Head of Legal 1999-2001) for some 28 years with involvement in projects in the UK and abroad. He now acts as a consultant to industry providing commercial and contract advisory services.

## **Peter Rodgers**

### Consultant

Peter has over 36 years service as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor with high level experience in contracting, private practice and Local Authority. Fully experienced in the building, civil, oil and gas exploration and mechanical engineering industries, working in all disciplines, both pre and post contract including final accounts, claim formulation and defence, nationally and internationally, under bespoke and standard forms of contract.

## **Philip Peeke-Vout**

### Consultant

Philip has over 40 years experience in a broad based spectrum of construction and engineering disciplines ranging from major government projects, civils, power generation, de-commissioning, pharmaceuticals and oil/gas covering all aspects from pre contract documentation through to contract administration to claims preparation and dispute resolution.

## **David Mills FRICS, PrQS, PMAQS, RQS, MCost Eng**

### Consultant

David is a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and commercial adviser with more than 35 years broad experience at senior level in major international engineering and construction companies, professional quantity surveying, project management, multi disciplinary and construction dispute consultancies. David has held equity directorships, country manager, commercial contract management, senior claim consultant and client's representative positions. His experience has been gained in Europe, North America, Africa, the Middle and Far East covering pre and post contract as well as claims and witness roles. Project sectors have included road, bridges, airports, rail, mass transit, nuclear, power, gold mining, process, industrial, high rise offices, retail, leisure, housing, health, pharmaceutical, convention centre, education, foreign embassies, palaces, religious, utilities, communications, marine and defense, up to US\$2 Billions capex.

## **Dave Nixon**

### Consultant

Dave has extensive experience in offshore construction and heavy engineering industries; this includes involvement and engagement with every major oil company whilst dealing with tender compilation, contract, commercial and financial control requirements. Employment has progressed and evolved from a tender and proposals environment to company chief quantity surveyor, commercial manager of a major oil and gas construction organisation. Areas of expertise consist of project management, contract valuation and costing, system development and control, claims preparation services. International experience comprises secondment to South Africa, Malaysia and United Arab Emirates.

## **Paul Pegman FInstCES**

### Consultant

Paul has over 40 years in the process plant and offshore construction industry. A commercial manager with considerable experience of contract administration, contract disputes, dispute avoidance, arbitration, litigation and mediation. Recently managed multi million pound litigation for offshore fabrication contractor with successful outcome. Other recent assignments include smaller disputes between subcontractor and main contractor, all with successful outcomes.

## **Colin McWhirter ARICS**

### Consultant

Colin has over 40 years experience working as a chartered quantity surveyor, starting in the building industry in private practice and local authority and then getting involved in some major civil engineering projects before going into oil and gas projects in 1976. He has been involved in most aspects of quantity surveying from preparation of tender documents to settlement of final accounts and negotiating claims with and without legal interface. Colin has worked overseas in Europe, Canada, Australia and South Africa.

## **Gareth Weightman**

### Divisional Manager of CD Associates (UK)

Gareth has over sixteen years experience in offshore construction commercial functions dealing with lump sum contracts, alliance agreements, E.P.I.C.'s, and E.P.C.'s, for modules, F.P.S.O.'s and platform conversions. Broad multi-discipline experience gained through performing all aspects of cost / contract administration, sub-contract administration, quantity surveying and cost engineering. Experience in the commercial and financial control of construction projects, having worked for contractor and client organisations. Involvement in the preparation, presentation, submission and defence of legal documents involving delay, disruption, acceleration, causation and quantum matters whilst acting for claimants in commercial litigation proceedings, this has included attendance at court and presentation of evidence during trial.

## **Peter Douglass BA (Hons)**

### Managing Director of CD Group

Peter gained a degree in Law from Sheffield University before joining a P.Q.S. firm specialising in claims preparation and negotiation in 1984. He now has over twenty years commercial experience within the offshore and marine construction industry, including a six year period as a Senior Project Quantity Surveyor for AMEC. He joined the CD Group as Commercial Director in 1995 and has been Group Managing Director since the start of 2006.

## **APPLICATIONS / VACANCIES**

CD Associates (UK) offers attractive financial packages for suitable candidates plus opportunities to participate in exciting, challenging and diverse work environments which collectively seek to develop skills and unlock potential.

If you believe that you have the skills required by CD Associates (UK), you may apply by post or fax to our Newcastle office, full contact details are noted below. Alternatively, you can submit your CV by email to [info@cd-associates.com](mailto:info@cd-associates.com)

## **ENQUIRIES**

If you have a query, enquiry, commercial or contractual related problem or would like further information on any of the services provided by CD Associates (UK) please do not hesitate to contact us. CD Associates (UK) will endeavour to deal with your enquiry quickly and a member of our corporate management team will contact you direct.

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### **Location**

CD Associates (UK) has headquarters located in Newcastle upon Tyne city centre, a few minutes walk from the Central Station and only 25 minutes from Newcastle Airport via the rapid Metro transport system. Car parking is available near our office.