

Site of the Month - Mercia Marina



Contract Value : £450,000

Client: Land & Water

Earlier this year Alpha Construction where employed by Land and Water Services Ltd to construct the new reinforced concrete dry dock and inlet structure for the new Marina in

Willington. Andy Poole aided by Martin Nolan of MTN Structures successfully completed this contract as a result of this we were then approached by LAWS to carry out further works onsite for the installation of the drainage system around the site which consisted of approx. 1500m of pumped and gravity pipework and the installation of 4 client supplied pre packaged pumping stations and various air valve and washout chambers. This work was supervised by John Insley and Rob Little along with Alpha Labour and help from Bill Feaney and his men. Contract is due to be completed Mid October.

(Mr. A. Jackson)

A big thank you to everyone who has had an input on this project.



AWARDS FOR ALPHA



Alpha Construction are the runners up in this years **NCE's Small Contractor of the Year**. Recognition was given from NEC's Judging Panel to Alpha's Zero Accident Report for 2007 and the 50% increase in workload.

Alpha have also been shortlisted for the **Construction Excellence Award** for our work at the Nestle Omni project for Nestle UK in Tutbury. We are feeling confident that this outstanding project can bring Alpha the top prize.

And finally Alpha Construction Ltd were one of a select few of contractors who received an award from **Nestle UK Ltd** for their contribution to the successful and timely completion of the multimillion pound investment at the Tutbury Site.



HEALTH & SAFETY PROSECUTIONS



The HSE has issued a warning to the construction industry concerning crane operations. The warning follows the prosecution of two construction companies after a 35 tonne truck mounted telescopic crane overturned. The crane driver was forced to leap to safety and the 5.7 tonne beam that was being lifted into place narrowly missed two employees as it fell.

The HSE are also reminding employers to ensure that they adequately assess the risks from workplace vehicles. Warning follows the prosecution of a construction company after an 18 year old apprentice bricklayer sustained fatal crush injuries.

Recent Contract Awards

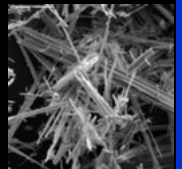
Ilkeston C08/08

Satisfied with the timely completion of the civils work and construction for their scrap metal recovery plant, Ward Recycling have asked Alpha to remain on site and have extended the contract to include 2no new weighbridge foundations, a weighbridge office and new oil interceptor works.

Tempering Silo C12/08

Another major scheme for Nestle at the Tutbury site involving a piled foundation and structural steel frame for a new silo. Work has just started on site, the value is expected to be around £250,000.

Asbestos Issues



The Hidden Killer

During October and November 2008 the HSE will be running a national campaign to target tradesmen who are still at risk from exposure to asbestos. The primary aim of the campaign is to raise awareness amongst tradesmen that they are more at risk than they think from asbestos. The campaign also aims to encourage tradesmen to find out more about asbestos and the precautions they should be taking.

A Lincolnshire builder was caught red handed depositing sheets of asbestos into a skip being used by another company. Fortunately a member of the public spotted the builder, recorded the van registration number and reported him to the authorities. Without this evidence the company that had hired the skip would have faced a rather large bill. As the skip contained asbestos, its entire contents would have had to be disposed of as hazardous, not general waste. The Environment Agency prosecuted the builder.

Make sure skips are secure, adequately labelled and where possible kept locked out of working hours.





CONTRACT NEWS

Nestle Tempering Silo:

We have secured further work at Nestle. The Tempering Silo is to be finished for Christmas. We should also be starting a new Workshop for the beginning of October with further work still in the pipeline. The site team must be doing something right, carry on the good work Kevin, Jake, Dan, Jimmy & Carl.

Bletchley Substation:

We have now completed our third and final visit although strangely we still have to go back to complete the gravelling up. Keith, John, Mark and the McGroarays did a good job.

Northfleet Substation:

This job started on the 15th September the team is John, Ben, Carl, Dave and Michael. We are sure they will perform to their normally high standards.

Stony Stratford Substation:

Another project started recently, on the 8th September. The team is Andy, Dave, Carl, Bob, Sean and soon to be strengthened by Ian & Steve. They have made a good start.

Rolls Royce

This project has progressed well and is ahead of programme and is due for completion by the end of October. Well done to Carl Rickerby for keeping things on target ably assisted by Brian, Greg & Ben with Steve, Buzz, John W, Matthew Pointon, Chris and occasional assistance from a variety of sub contract labour.

Waltham Cross OC

This project is the final Oil Containment scheme in the current batch from National Grid, although there are whispers of the rising of a few phoenix's. Watch this space, we could be visiting Harker again yet!! The revised design and scope has now been accepted, signed off and works on site are set to commence on 20 October. Good luck to Ash and all those who will be called upon for delivering this 20 week project in time for Easter 2009.

Iver GIS

After the discovery of asbestos in the green field+where this £1.5M GIS hall was due to be constructed, our client has appointed a land remediation specialist to remove and make safe the area prior to our re-establishment on site. Hopefully this will be before Christmas, fingers crossed.

Reading GIS

Despite the initial access delays to the enabling works, we are pleased to report that our element of these works was completed within our target 3 week programme. This resulted in a call from our clients Senior Project Manager to Rob Smith congratulating him on this success and an email circulated later to the project team echoed this further. Really well done to Greg, Ben, Old Ron, Michael, Carl S & Dave Jones for delivering such a result. No pressure then for the main works which start in November!!

LUL

We achieved substantial completion on the substation work in August and this leaves return visits over the next 12 months to carry out minor works to suit Balfour Kilpatrick's installation programme. Well done to Jason, Rob, Ben, Patsy and Buja and all our subcontractors for all their efforts. The reward is potentially similar work for next year.

Hendon GIS

Still awaiting details for our return visit which is now looking likely for early 2009.

Huntingdon Waste to Energy Plant

Design period extended due to final equipment information from South Africa. Jason due to head up the start 6/10/08.

Monk Fryston

Job is rolling along great and heading for a possible finish towards the end of the year well done to Ash, Craig, Peter and all the guys involved a good job well carried out under difficult circumstances

Mercia Marina

The second phase of works at Willington for the new maina to install the drainage around the site John Inasley kicked the contract off and Rob Little has taken over to bring the contract to a close. This was a difficult contract with a new client well done guys

Wards recycling Ilkeston

The main works are nearing completion and the yard has been handed back to the client ready for the grand opening and the switching on of the shredder. Alpha works has now shifted onto the 2 new weighbridges and new weighbridge office which are due for completion Mid to end November. Well done to Ken and all the guys involved on the contract.

EMPLOYEE NOTICEBOARD

PRAISE FROM

Alpha have received high praise on their works at the Reading site for ABB.

Following the early completion on the first stage of the Reading 132kV GIS Substation, Project Manager Mr. David Walton passed on this message to Alpha construction;

I am delighted to confirm that the first stage of the Reading 132kV GIS Substation was completed yesterday a day ahead of the original schedule. A great achievement considering the circuit has been relocated. I wish to thank everyone involved in this achievement.



SUMMER SUCCESS 2008



Congratulations to both Guy Miller and Jake Manning. They have both achieved a very credible 2:1 Civil Engineering degree from Nottingham Trent University. Jake undertook a 5 year part-time course and Guy a 3 year full time course. We look forward to seeing them mature as Engineers in the coming years. (Mr. John Cassidy)



TRAINING

This year's Training Plan is currently being finalised. In addition to the client driven training requirements (i.e. NG Person etc). We are looking to carry out some of the following in the forthcoming year:



- Dumper Assessments, Ride-On Roller Assessments,
- Defensive Driver Training, NVQ Level 2 - Construction & Plant Training.

Site Managers don't forget to send into the Head Office, the regular Tool Box Talks that take place

HSE REPRESENTATIVE

If you have any issues or suggestions over any Health, Safety or Environmental aspects please contact your employee representative **Mr Ken Richards**. (Mobile No 07717 580115)



FIRST AIDERS FOR HEAD OFFICE

The trained first aiders for Head Office are; **Tony Bamford and Gavin Knight.**