

Developments create platform for growth in 2007

Sirius experienced rapid expansion in 2006 and now the Group has been awarded a license by the Environment Agency to carry out mobile waste treatment adding another service to their fast-growing portfolio.

"Last year we consolidated our position, investing heavily in staff and future prospects," says Patrick Kane, Director. "The end of the year brought us further success when we achieved ISO 9001 accreditation for the Group to sit with our Investors In People status and we are now progressing towards accreditation for ISO 14001 and 18001 respectively. Good forward orders are a sign of our increased profile in the industry, but vitally, they clearly demonstrate that our clients prefer to use Sirius because we offer an exceptional service at a competitive price. Now, with our new waste treatment facility we can offer even more services to our clients. Major developers rightly expect high standards of quality, reliability and professional expertise and Sirius Group provides a one-stop service they can trust."

Sirius has had a busy start to 2007, launching its new website with staff extra-net, creating its new drilling division and now buying the 4000 sq.ft detached premises at Thorpe Park. Patrick says: "We are delighted to be moving to a new location in the Leeds area. Our new building is in a key strategic location with great motorway links for easy access to our client base and the UK as a whole. Leeds is a central hub with a vibrant business community and Yorkshire is in the process of large-scale regeneration giving our company many excellent opportunities."

Sirius continues to grow as planned with staff levels now passing the 100 mark with a further 30 appointments anticipated during the forthcoming year. Patrick says: "Sirius has a reputation for attracting excellent staff in every area. We work hard to ensure we recruit the very best people and our training is second to none. With a new office, quality Drilling Services Division, our waste management facilities, increased turnover and the right staff, we're in the perfect position to achieve record-breaking growth over the coming year."



Sirius expands with new Drilling Division and Director

In February, Sirius Group launched a new specialist Drilling Services division. Already accepted as a member of the British Drilling Association (BDA), the new division is headed by former Yorkshire Regional Director at Van Elle Ltd, Andrew Thomas.

Andrew is an experienced geologist and drilling manager with has more than 15 years experience in geological investigations, contract and operational management. Prior to joining Sirius, Andrew managed 30 men, eight rigs and three grout crews throughout the UK.

"The Sirius Group is expanding and I'm delighted to be appointed to head their new venture," says Andrew. "Sirius Drilling Services compliments the existing services within the Group, and will provide our clients with a fully integrated ground stabilisation and remediation business. We will offer drilling and grouting treatment of shallow mineworkings using the latest drilling technologies with a highly experienced workforce. In addition we offer mineral investigation, rotary site investigation, drilling for Ground Source Heat Pumps and installation of soil nails and rock anchors. Although Sirius has been involved in drilling and grouting services for many years this is the first time we've taken these services in-house. It's an exciting time for the Sirius; it's growing fast and has a bright future with excellent prospects. The drilling division marks a new phase in our expansion."

Andrew has a BSc in Geology from Sheffield University and is a Fellow of the Geological Society. A keen sportsman, Andrew enjoys walking, surfing, scuba diving, rock climbing, mountain biking, rugby and general fitness training.



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