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**BUILDING MAGAZINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS TOP RANKINGS
FOR CONSULTANTS IN THE UK CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.**

**MPS RELEASE RESEARCH RESULTS ON THE USE OF
THE NEC CONTRACT CHANGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CCM)
BY TOP CONSULTANTS**

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Building Magazine publish survey results on the top 250 consultants in the UK construction industry. The rankings are shown in the issue published 10th October 2008.

Management Process Systems Limited (MPS) commented that their own research confirms that the majority of top consultants in project management, quantity surveying and engineering are also using their leading NEC contract change management system CCM.

16 of the top 20 consultants have used the system as well as most of the top fee earners. 14 of the top 20 surveyors, 13 of the top 15 engineers, and 15 of the top 20 project managers use or have used CCM for contract change management in many of their NEC projects.

Robin Wilkin, Operations Director of MPS said, "The success of the NEC contract is a testament to the vision of the originating team, the volunteers of the NEC panel, the members of the NEC Users' Group, and the team at Thomas Telford. We are delighted that so many of the top consultants across the UK also have the vision to see that the MPS CCM IT system adds value to the operation of the NEC process. It enables compliance with the NEC, improved certainty of outcomes and a rapid completion of final account. We look forward to continued market penetration through the repeat use by existing customers of the CCM software as a service that has now been in operation for some seven years."

The MPS Chairman David H Williams who is the founding Chairman of the NEC Users' Group is doubly delighted at the recent survey results. They demonstrate his long standing advocacy that NEC use by major consultancies will continue to grow and of course that they are utilising his own company's software service.

The Internet based CCM system, provided by MPS, is designed to manage the contract change processes set out in the NEC form of contract, versions 2 and 3. CCM is currently being used by an extensive range of clients around the UK, on civils, power and building projects. Key benefits include timely agreement of change, quality assured contract administration, the early completion of final account, improved contract management discipline, instant visibility of risk and change issues, improved change management, quality assured processes, consistency, instant access to risk spend data, rigorous audit trail, and instant availability of Excel reports over the web - all leading to reduced risk and reduced costs.

The CCM system is provided in partnership with Cantono, who provide the IT infrastructure through a managed service. The systems and infrastructure design supports an On-Demand business requirement with key partners, suppliers and clients. The application and associated databases reside on a fully managed IBM eserver configuration in a state of the art data centre using IBM Middleware.

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About Management Process Systems Limited

Management Process Systems Limited is a management services company whose mission is to deliver innovative solutions that deliver identifiable business advantage to the construction industry.

The company has extensive experience in the business processes, methodologies, information and knowledge requirements of the construction industry. This expertise and knowledge is re-enforced by a highly experienced capability to deploy Information Technology in support of business processes.

Editors Note

Information regarding MPS is available on the website www.mpsprocess.com.

Contract Change Management (CCM) is an innovative and award winning British success story on the provision of IT support to a key business process.

Hundreds of construction industry professionals from most of the large PM, QS, Engineering, and Construction companies have been managing projects worth hundreds of millions of pounds using the system since 2001. These projects have included thousands of Early Warnings giving notice of new risks, and Compensation Events for change management.

Client customers include EDF Energy, Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Imperial College London, BBC Workplace, DEFRA, Metronet Rail, Transport Wales, several Local Authorities, and many more.

MPS are members of the NEC Users Group, Constructing Excellence, and the Association for Project Management.

Four key gains leading to reduced costs for customers using CCM are -

1. Increased productivity

Increasing workloads and shortages of skilled managers have led firms to maximise efficiency of their professional staff. CCM enables remote working, less travelling, and more effective use of key resources. Managers spend more time on decision making and less time on administration. They are also able to manage more projects.

2. Improved predictability of outcome (cost & time)

Predictability of cost and time are two of the top ten key performance measures for business excellence as identified by Constructing Excellence. CCM improves predictability, minimises surprises, facilitates speedy agreement of change, and provides very early close out of final accounts.

3. Reduced risk

CCM facilitates early warning of liabilities and opportunities, improved risk management, increased collaboration, and therefore better-informed decision making. CCM also improves contract management, which reduces the level of risk to all involved.

4. Compliance - Improved audit and visibility

CCM is a secure quality controlled system, which enables compliance in the most challenging and demanding environments. Process visibility and audit ability facilitate improved communications for all participants. Coupled with its ability to transcend location, CCM provides a powerful management tool for all members of the project team.

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