

Hays Civil & Structural reports civils combating credit crunch

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Hays Civil & Structural, the UK's leading recruitment consultancy, confirms findings of New Civil Engineering report that this year has been yet another booming period for UK civil engineering firms. The latest figures from Hays Civil & Structural indicate that far from the stories of doom and gloom, civils is a resilient market due to much of the work being publicly funded and all of the top civils firms are continuing to look for staff.

Projects such as the 2012 Olympics sites and Crossrail which is worth £16 billion, combined with Ruth Kelly's announcement that £6 billion will be invested in the nation's transport system, highlight the opportunity for civil engineering jobs (<http://www.hays.com/engineering/Civil/>) - particularly those who are qualified and are working towards Chartered status.

Hays Specialist Recruitment has re-launched its civil engineering business under the title of Hays Civil & Structural to reflect its renewed focus in this area. This new division benefits from specialist staff in nationwide offices, who have a comprehensive understanding of employers in the sector and specific job requirements.

Greg Lettington, Director of Hays Civil & Structural, commented: "Client requirements for civils staff remain strong because order books are still full. It is one of the key areas which is managing to successfully buck the downward trends, which other sectors are facing due to the credit crunch. Given that there is such a shortage of qualified engineers in general anyway, we can certainly say with confidence that good workers will remain in demand."

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Note to Editor:

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Hays Construction & Property is a subdivision of Hays Plc, the FTSE 250 Company which employs 7,753 staff operating from 376 offices in 25 countries across 17 specialisms including admin jobs (<http://www.hays.com/officesupport/Administrator/>), nursing jobs (<http://www.hays.com/healthcare/Nurse/>) and education jobs (<http://www.hays.com/education/>). Hays Plc placed circa 68,000 candidates into permanent jobs and paid circa 46,000 temporary workers weekly during the year ending 30 June 07.

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