

Port@I expands its Property Management Team with new appointment

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Banbury, 18th September 2008 Port@I (<http://www.portal-centres.com>) leaders in delivering innovative 'Occupier Solutions' has today announced the appointment of Stephen Balmforth as Area Site Account Manager. Principally based at Dearne Valley in Rotherham, Stephen will provide additional resource to the existing property management team, whilst ensuring continuity of service at other sites during peak periods, as the company continues to grow its portfolio.

Stephen will also be responsible for overseeing ISO (International Standards Organisation) projects at Port@I, such as ISO 14001 Environmental (the international standard for Environmental Management Systems) and ISO 9001 Quality and Management (the international standard for Quality Management Systems).

Managing Director at Port@I, John Gotley comments on the new appointment, "Bringing talented individuals on board like Stephen will help us grow our business, and ensure that we continue to provide our clients with a high quality service. We are very pleased to welcome him to the Port@I team."

Previously employed by Ultralase Limited as a Facilities Manager, with responsibility for a multi-site portfolio for both hard and soft FM services, Stephen has dealt with all aspects of property, from lease renewal to rent reviews, technical systems, refurbishments, and health and safety. He also spent over 23 years of his career in the HM Forces where he specialized in capacity management.

Stephen is a member of the British Institute of Facilities Management, and is also NEBOSH (National Examination Board of Occupation Safety and Health) qualified.

Stephen, who is aged 48, lives in Doncaster with his wife and two children and enjoys rugby and gardening in his spare time.

Rotherham is one of a number of Port@I facilities that can offer clients office, contact or data centre accommodation on a 'managed' basis including Glasgow, Chatham, Nottingham, Manchester and Coventry.

Port@I's 'Occupier Solutions' is aimed primarily at 'blue chip' organisations and delivers either a built-to-order, or ready-made facility that includes the infrastructure (environment, IT and telephony) on a managed service basis for an agreed term, with no tie-ins.

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Editor's Note:

About Port@I:

Established in 2000 Port@I is part of a unique amalgamation of three 'best-of-breed' specialist companies (Cannock, Port@I and Direct Dialogue) that share similar ownership. This commonality is a

critical point because it overcomes many of the difficulties and discontinuities encountered by partnerships. The core offering of this amalgam is space and infrastructure (environment, IT and telephony) on a managed service basis. Port@I term this organisational hosting or simply hosting and it allows their clients to retain ownership of their “crown jewels” such as brand custodianship, culture, people, processes, intellectual capital, business applications and, in the case of call centres, the actual interaction with customers.

Port@I have worked with a number of prestigious clients, including: HfS Loans, Barclays Bank, RBS, Vanquis Bank and E.ON (Powergen).

Port@I's head office is in Banbury.

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