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## Cumbria's DSD Construction awarded National Highways framework contracts



*Carlisle civil engineering and infrastructure contractor, DSD Construction, has won two regional lots on National Highways' £1.3 billion, five-year Pavement Delivery Framework*



### **Organic development leads growth**

This success is testament to the commitment from the Nugent family in developing DSD Construction over the last three decades as a leading, national civil engineering and infrastructure contractor. The business is operated from its Carlisle-based Head Office, a purpose-built facility on Kingmoor Park that opened in 2019. It also has operating centres in both Whitehaven and Sellafield (Cumbria) and Thirsk (North Yorkshire).

As an Investor in People, organic development has created a positive culture where retention of staff remains high. The senior management team has a combined experience of over 150 years.

A simple and clear mission has underpinned the Company's growth: to deliver safe, sustainable high-quality projects and services. The core of the business integrates civil engineering and surfacing activities with over 90% of the works being delivered in-house by the 150 directly employed staff. The company also operates a wholly owned and self-maintained fleet of plant and equipment.

A commitment to 'net zero' stems from the Company's focus on carbon reduction through high recycling rates using in-situ and ex-situ recycling technologies, recycled plastic bitumen replacement and recent graphene infusion trials.

### A development success story

DSD Construction supports a diversity of key sectors including highways, aviation, rail and nuclear. Delivery of works on nuclear licensed sites is served by over one hundred multi-disciplined security-cleared personnel.

Continuous development of products and services within these sectors has also supported this consistently successful and growing company:

- *surfacing and cold milling* - self-delivering a wide range of surfacing projects with the latest plant and equipment whilst continually investing in new technologies;
- *civil engineering* - self-delivering a range of diverse and complex civil engineering projects including structures, flood prevention and transport infrastructures;
- *construction recycling* – pioneering 'in-situ' recycling in construction alongside deployment of specialist materials such as graphene;
- *sustainable products* - deploying hybrid solar/ wind powered lighting solutions with no connection to the mains electricity supply.

The organisation's development and expansion, particularly over the last 3 years, has seen it elevated and differentiated from its competitors, as represented by the diversity and scale of its clients.



## **Contract awards from National Highways**

DSD Construction has recently been ranked first and awarded contracts for both Lot 4 (Northeast Region) and Lot 5 (Northwest Region) of National Highways' five-year Pavement Delivery Framework. The extensive scope of the contracts (including all services, materials, plant, and labour) will enable the provision of bituminous and concrete repairs, surface restoration, surfacing and construction operations including:

- Planning, paving, ironwork adjustment and renewal
- Cold Applied Ultra-Thin Surfacing (CAUTS)
- Hydraulically bound mixtures, in-situ, and ex-situ recycling
- Footway surfacing and asphalt kerbing, and
- Potential for emergency works.



DSD Construction's Operations Director, Martin Twedde, said:

*"We are thrilled to have been selected as one of the twelve organisations selected for National Highways' Pavement Delivery Framework and we look forward to delivering works for Lots covering both the Northwest and Northeast regions. This result is underpinned by our commitment to sustainably support a growing economy, a low-carbon environment, a developing workforce and thriving communities."*

DSD Construction's Managing Director, Shaun Nugent, said:

*"We are delighted that a number of these lots have been awarded to comparatively smaller organisations like DSD Construction. This is testament to National Highways' aim to encourage applications from SMEs through greatly reduced turnover requirements. We are also happy to be working with some organisations that we have not worked with previously, and we look forward to building these new relationships."*

## **Social value support for sustainable growth**

DSD Construction also recognises the importance of contributing and giving back to communities where it operates. In terms of supply chain, in the last twelve months, the Company has spent over £2.2 million with micro-SMEs. Colleges of further education have benefitted through the provision of civil engineering and business apprentices and partnering

with Inspira has identified local feeder schools for STEM support. Numerous charitable and sporting events have also been sponsored.



As a tribute to its founder, the Company has created the Dennis Nugent Foundation to fund its apprenticeship programme and social value commitments, the latter being accredited through the nationally recognised Constructionline Gold. The Carlisle office also hosts the organisation's **Pavement Delivery Innovation Centre**, a training and R&D facility supporting development and innovation across the business.



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## NOTES TO EDITORS:

- DSD Construction is a national civil engineering and infrastructure contractor.
- Established in 1993 and still owned and operated by the founding family.
- Head Office, DSD House, Dukes Drive, Kingmoor Park North, Carlisle. CA6 4SH
- Offices in Carlisle, Whitehaven, Sellafield, and Harrogate.
- A leading nationwide provider working within highways, nuclear and rail industries, across both public and private sectors.
- Divisions supporting surfacing, cold milling, and civil engineering.
- RISQ: Railway Industry Supplier Qualification Scheme.
- SME: small to medium enterprise.
- STEM: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- R&D: research and development.

## ENQUIRIES

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