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Atlas Ward wins top Quality Welding Certification

This month Atlas Ward were presented with a top Quality Welding accreditation by Tim Jessop, Chief Executive of TWI Certification Ltd (a group company of The Welding Institute).

BS EN ISO 3834 Part 2 (Quality Requirements for Fusion Welding of Metallic Materials) certification is co-ordinated by TWI and EWF (European Welding Federation).

Bernard Overfield, Quality and Inspection Manager Atlas Ward said,

“We are delighted to have received this certification and feel it demonstrates our on-going commitment to our high levels of quality throughout the state of the art facilities.

“We have recently extended our quality system, which also includes ISO 9001, and we can now meet the full requirements of the 5th edition of the NSSS (National Structural Steelwork Specification) and the new harmonised structural steelwork specification BS EN 1090, which is due for publication in 2008.

These specifications require companies to have a system for the management of welding and to meet the requirements of BS EN ISO 3834.”

Nigel Pickard, Managing Director, Atlas Ward, said,

“Attaining the BS EN 3834 certification is a very positive step forward for Atlas Ward. We now have all the principle fabrication facilities within the Severfield-Rowen Group, namely Severfield-Reeve Structures, Watson Steel and ourselves qualified to the desired standards.

This further strengthens the Group's drive for raising the standards in Quality & Production Control. It also prepares the Group for compliance with the new codes & standards, notably BS EN 1090 which requires BS EN 3834 and which supersedes BS EN 5950 when introduced in April 2008."

Editor's Notes:

About Atlas Ward Structures






Atlas Ward Structures Limited are one of the largest Structural Steel Fabricators in the UK. They design, fabricate and erect structural steel framed buildings in the Industrial, Commercial, Education, Residential and Health sectors.

Atlas Ward Structures Limited operates UK wide and is a subsidiary of Severfield-Rowen Plc – its parent company, with a turnover of over £290 million.

Severfield-Rowen Plc acquired Atlas Ward Structures Limited on 1 April 2005.

About Severfield-Rowen Plc

Severfield-Rowen Plc is the market leader in structural steel, and consists of the following major Group Companies:

-  Severfield-Reeve Structures, Dalton, North Yorkshire
-  Watson Steel Structures, Bolton, Lancashire
-  Rowen Structures, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottingham
-  Atlas Ward Structures, Sherburn, North Yorkshire
-  Steelcraft Erection Services based at Dalton, North Yorkshire

The combined resources of the Group of Companies have the design, engineering skills and experience to handle complex projects over a diverse range of sectors.

The Companies can facilitate the production of a wide range of steelwork packages, including projects requiring high added value engineering content.

Proven Group Strengths:

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|  Performance and Value |  Multi-Sector Presence |
|  Project Completion Track Record |  Fabsec® Beams/Firebeam® |
|  Capability and Flexibility |  Plate Girders |
|  Design Engineering |  Stairs and Feature Steelwork |
|  Customer Focus |  Sections |
|  Health & Safety Record |  Tubular Constructions |
|  Financial Strength |  Intumescent Coating |

About TWI

TWI is a non-profit distributing, membership-based company. It is owned by its Members - 3,500 from 60 countries around the world.

TWI's mission is to deliver world-class service in joining materials, engineering and allied technologies to meet the needs of a global membership and its associated community.

Its vision is to be the most influential global network for stimulation and development of economic value and quality of life through Materials Joining Technologies.

About EWF

EWF - European Welding Federation, by virtue of its unique international expertise, has developed a high integrity and specialised certification system to guarantee Manufacturer compliance with ISO 3834.

Great care has been taken to detail the interpretation of ISO 3834 in terms of third party assessment, to specify and register properly trained scheme assessors and devise an operational structure so that certification of Manufacturers will be consistent whenever the scheme rules are applied. As a result, EWF ISO 3834 Manufacturer's Certification Scheme is particularly strict in the areas of qualifications and experience assessors, and the assessment of the welding co-ordination personnel in the manufacturing organization.

Clients and suppliers alike must take account of the added value, which the EWF ISO 3834 certification scheme still provides. The expertise within the EWF network of Authorised National Bodies for Company Certification - ANBCC through EWF brings maximum status and recognition through out Europe. It also ensures that opportunities for continuous improvement are optimised. Furthermore, the certified manufacturer's details are publicly displayed on the EWF web-site bringing free advertising to company's capability in terms of welding processes, materials and products.

More than other manufacturing operation, welding needs a "get-it-right-first-time" approach. Certification under the EWF ISO 3834 scheme is the best way to achieve it!

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Certification Scheme'.

Pictured from left to right:

John Krancioch – Severfield-Rowen Group Plc – QA Manager

Tim Jessop – The Welding Institute – Chief Executive of Certification

Simon Barnes – Atlas Ward Structures Ltd – Deputy Managing Director

Richard Pratt – Atlas Ward Structures Ltd – Production Director

Bernard Overfield - Atlas Ward Structures Ltd – QA & Inspection Manager

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