

PRESS RELEASE

9 October 2009

International Built Asset Consultancy, EC Harris, joins DSTL expert's network

Phil Summerfield, Alliances Director, Decision Support Tools Ltd and Ian Kennedy, on behalf of EC Harris have completed an agreement covering the use of APT (Asset Performance Tools) software, training and consulting services across the world. EC Harris is the latest to join a growing network of asset management experts and facilitators that share information, best practice and the APT leading edge decision-support tools.



*Phil Summerfield, Alliances Director, DSTL (pictured left)
with Ian Kennedy, Head of Strategic Asset Management, EC Harris*

Built Asset Consultancy EC Harris provides its clients across the world with the best combination of sector know-how, professional skills and technology which deliver valuable outcomes and profits. Built Asset Consultants do this by finding ways of getting the most from the money spent on building, operating, using and owning assets. Phil Summerfield, new alliances director for DSTL said: *“Our network of asset management experts and facilitators is expanding across the world bringing very significant benefits to clients in all asset industries. We have an existing base of over a 1000 APT users spread across industries including petrochemical, rail, oil, defence, mining, brewing plus gas, water and*

electricity utilities generation and transmission.”

Ian Kennedy said: “As an important element of an integrated approach to improving the operation of built assets, EC Harris provide strategic Asset Management consultancy to asset-intensive organizations across the world. By assisting these organizations to create and implement corporate policies and strategies for Asset Management, significant and stable improvements in operational profitability are delivered. The relationship with Decision Support Tools further enhances EC Harris’ ability to identify and deliver measurable financial returns for our clients.”

For more information, please contact:

Julie Fowler, Education & Communications Dept, Decision Support Tools Ltd

Tel: +44 (0)1635 298800

julie.fowler@twpl.com

Notes to editors:

For more information, see www.decisionsupporttools.com

The main product set of Decision Support Tools Ltd is APT (Asset Performance Tools) which were first developed in the late 1990s by a consortium of international organisations as part of the multi-million pound European MACRO programme. TWPL (The Woodhouse Partnership Ltd) were overall project managers for this collaboration project, which researched best practices and commissioned the development of processes and tools to encourage the right questions to be asked, to calculate the optimal compromise between competing pressures and to explore the impact of uncertainty and different scenarios. The resulting commercial toolkit (APT) was thereafter continuously developed and refined in response to operational experience from different environments, industries and countries.

TWPL was created in 1995 by a team of 8 senior executives of UK companies with the aim of breaking the ‘temporary enthusiasm’ cycle of many asset management improvement efforts. Since then, it has grown to c.40 professionals working in over 25 countries and most industrial sectors. The company has been instrumental in many of the leading

developments in best practices and asset management standards, including chairing the production of the BSI PAS 55 standard, the Institute of Asset Management's Competency Framework. TWPL now provides assessments, certification, strategic road-mapping, implementation support and education programmes, including MSc programmes, e-learning and customised workplace mentoring.

About EC Harris

EC Harris is an International Built Asset Consultancy - acting as trusted advisors to clients - in planning and executing strategies that optimise the construction, operation, use and ownership of built assets. The firm has 46 wholly owned offices in 24 countries employing 3,400 people. Turnover in 2008/09 was £306m.