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RCapital buys 'celebrity scaffolders' Benchmark

RCapital, the London-based specialists in turnaround investments, have purchased Benchmark Scaffolding Ltd, one of the UK's leading and most innovative scaffolding companies, for an undisclosed sum. Known for its 'celebrity' projects, which include Selfridges, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and Stowe School, Benchmark Scaffolding employs a highly skilled workforce of around 350. The company is renowned for its ability to resource any type or size of project and overcoming technical challenges requiring innovative engineering design.

Benchmark Scaffolding's commercial clients include: MACE, Carillon, Westfield Shopping Town, Irvine Whitlock, Lend Lease, Galliford Try, Stonewest, Balfour Beatty, Parry Bowen and Linford Group. Its team of 300 scaffolding specialists are served by a commercial fleet of 36 vehicles and branches in East London and South Yorkshire, with a head office in Hanwell, West London.

Jamie Constable, managing director at RCapital, comments, "Benchmark Scaffolding is a fascinating business which delivers a consistently high standard of quality and service to clients, regardless of the size and complexity of each project. Its commitment towards clients can only be accomplished through the continuous adoption of new technology and astute investment in both staff and equipment. Benchmark Scaffolding has a strong client base in the private and public sector and this sustainable business model with proven services is backed up by a loyal customer base".

Established in 1995, Benchmark Scaffolding's initial aim was to be positioned at the quality end of the market serving clients in the Greater London area. Early successes led to repeat business with prestige clients and the company is now recognised as one of the largest and most professional scaffolding companies in London and South East England. For many contractors, Benchmark Scaffolding is regarded as the 'A' listed scaffolder of choice having undergone strict vetting procedures for their Health & Safety regime and operational management procedures. The company's management team of around 30 people includes the most knowledgeable and respected design department in the industry.

Managing Director Rob West says "I am delighted that RCapital have come onboard to take this business to new heights. Despite having given up control of the business the investment will allow us to continue to offer best of class performance to both our supportive supplier base and loyal customers, which at the end of the day is more important".

To find out more about Benchmark Scaffolding visit www.benchmarksc scaffolding.com.

About RCapital

RCapital is a private investment boutique specialising in the financial and operational restructuring and turnaround of distressed companies and investments in to growth opportunities within the UK. Established in 2004 by Jamie Constable and Peter Ward, who have over 20 years of experience in the turnaround industry, RCapital has built a reputation as one of the leading turnaround specialists in the market with a strong track record for delivering high returns for investors.

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