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### Long Service Awards 2009

16<sup>th</sup> October 2009

The longest standing members of the business will be recognised this month for their contribution and dedication to SBU.

Richard Henderson, Richard Ibbotson, Darren Swales and Mick Johnson have all been with SBU for over 20 years. All working for the business before SBU was formed in 2002, after it separated from S & B Construction.

**Richard “Hendy” Henderson** was one of the first to be employed by the then MD Steve Bradbury, to work for the original property development business. Hendy then joined SBU when it was formed and has since worked for the Building Maintenance department. *“Richard is a valuable asset to the department; his versatility and flexibility ensures that we can rely on him to complete a number of varied roles. There is never a dull moment when Hendy is around”* (Jim Thrush, Building Maintenance Manager)

**Richard “Ibbo” Ibbotson** was not far behind Hendy in being employed by SBU originally as a JCB driver. Since then he has gone from strength to strength and is now one of the essential individuals out onsite for the Civils team. *“He is hardworking and always one to have a laugh with!! But is always one to rely on for getting the job done!”* (Will Griffin, Contracts Manager)

**Darren Swales** has worked for the company at various levels starting off as a ground worker in the early days then as an apprentice bricklayer, to having his own gang working on the original sewage pumping station contract. He then progressed to running the SPS contract and finally became a partner in SBU and spear headed the framework agreement with Yorkshire Water that stands today. *“From the early days Darren has always been motivated to move onwards and upwards and I am proud to see that he has now reached the top level. Congratulations!!”* (Keith Swales, MD)

**Mick “Jono” Johnson** followed Darren to S & B as an apprentice bricklayer and again has worked hard over the years to become responsible for his own gang. He also has the prestige of being the person that built Kestia House. *“Love him like a brother!! I worked alongside Jono right at the start and throughout my time at SBU. Coming from another bricklayer, his brickwork is second to none, although mine runs close! He is conscientious and reliable - another great guy!!”* (James Thrush, Building Maintenance Manager)

I am sure you will agree it’s a fantastic achievement for all them. The management team will be joining them along with their partners for a celebratory dinner on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at The Victoria, Cattle.

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