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### **FPS Welcomes New Associate Members**

As part of its on-going strategy to fully represent the geotechnical contracting sector, the Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS), is pleased to welcome four new Associate Members.

The four new members; ESG, Test Consult, Remedy Geotechnics and A-Squared, bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience of working within their geotechnical specialism, knowledge that will be put to good use by the FPS in setting standards and crafting guidance in the future.

Speaking about the new Associate Members, Martin Blower, Chair of the FPS said "Through the Associate Membership scheme, the FPS has been able to involve stakeholders outside our direct membership, such as consultants and service providers as well as the wider supply chain such as Plant manufacturers. These four new members, each with their own unique sector and business perspective, widen further the FPS's engagement with related industries and as such they are a welcome addition to the Federation."

Since its launch FPS Associate Membership has grown to include companies from the majority of sectors of the wider geotechnical contracting industry. Their addition strengthens the Federation's knowledge and representation base giving it a more authoritative voice in the construction sector. It also helps the FPS lobby more effectively at industry and government and European levels on issues such as health and safety, training and fair payment.

For more information about the FPS, Membership including Associate Membership, contact the FPS by email [fps@fps.org.uk](mailto:fps@fps.org.uk) or visit the FPS website [www.fps.org.uk](http://www.fps.org.uk).

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**Notes to Editors | About the FPS:**

Established in 1964, the Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS) has proactively worked with its members to drive up standards within the industry. From a handful of members back in the days when rotary techniques were coming into use and crane-mounted and hydraulic equipment was in its infancy, the FPS represents most of the leading piling and geotechnical specialists in the construction sector.

Its independent auditing process, which all prospective members need to go through ensures the highest standards are met, and this audit is repeated every three years to ensure standards are maintained and continually improved.

The FPS works closely with its members to establish standards and provide guidance across all piling and geotechnical areas as well as on wider construction related issues that affect the sector such as Building Information Modelling (BIM). Safety and training are the highest priorities.

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