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### **New Associate Members Increases Sector Representation for Federation of Piling Specialists**

The Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS) is pleased to welcome three new Associate Members.

The three new members are **Arup Group Ltd**, the multinational professional services firm that provides engineering, design, planning, project management and consulting services for all aspects of the built environment; **Geofirma Ltd**, a niche geotechnical consultancy and **Pile Designs Ltd**, an independent company providing geotechnical advice and undertaking calculations for pile loading and retaining walls.

Speaking about the new Associate Members, Alasdair Henderson, Chair of the FPS said: "A strategic aim of the FPS is to more fully represent geotechnical contracting, allowing it to provide a single and coordinated voice within the piling sector, the wider construction industry and at government level. The addition of these new members moves us closer to achieving this goal and each's unique individual business and sector view is a very welcome addition to enlarging our knowledge base."

Associate Membership of the FPS has been growing rapidly 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 training and fair payment.

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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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