

PRESS RELEASE

New experts in regional offices

21 July 2008: Chris Parker has joined the East Midlands office as Consultant, building on the team headed up by Principal Consultant, Richard Housley.

A graduate of the University of Derby, Chris joined the Hepworth office after 3 years with a similar consultancy. Since joining Hepworth's he has been involved in the assessment of noise in educational, entertainment and commercial sectors in addition to the design and testing of sound insulation for Part E of the Building Regulations. As part of the East Midlands office his role will also involve environmental acoustics, industrial noise assessment & planning application work.

“I joined the company as I was impressed with the professionalism and the fact that it seems to be such a well structured organisation. The close proximity of the Donington office to my home was also a bonus!” commented Chris. “Its exciting to be able to build on my existing knowledge by learning from the wealth of experience that is evident throughout the company.”

In London an international flavour is introduced with the recruitment of Antonio Meireles. Portugese by birth Antonio, after spending several years working in his homeland, has returned to London (having completed his second degree in Environmental and Architectural Acoustics here). He brings a cosmopolitan, international understanding and approach to building acoustics that complements that of Principal Consultant, Duncan Newhall’s Environmental expertise.

Antonio is enjoying city life: the mix of cultures socially and in the office. He joined Hepworths' rather than a larger consultancy "because of the people, the central location of the London office and the clear organisational structure that I found".

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Hepworth Acoustics is one of the largest independent acoustics consultancies in the United Kingdom. The head office is in Warrington and the company operates from seven regional offices. The company specialises in environmental and building acoustics as well as noise mapping. More information on all aspects of acoustics consultancy are available at www.hepworth-acoustics.co.uk.

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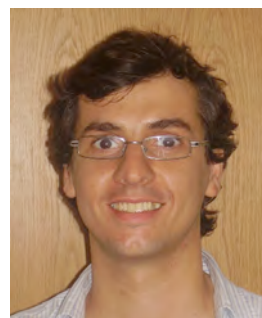
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