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Environmental Scientifics Group reaches new limits at Castleshaw reservoirs

Environmental Scientifics Group (ESG), the UK's leading geotechnical specialist recently had their skill and ingenuity put to the test. In October 2009, two earth embankment reservoirs known as the Castleshaw Reservoirs near Oldham, required twenty boreholes to be drilled over a period of seven weeks. However, there were some unusual and significant challenges.

James Northeast, Project Manager at Soil Mechanics (an ESG brand) explains - "we were faced with some very steep slopes, on an environmentally sensitive area, as well as weight and width restriction on the access roads. To add extra complexity, this meant that the use of cranes to lift the rigs to drill the boreholes and their rotary follow-ons was not possible – and we had some rather inclement weather conditions to take into account as well!"

However, ESG has faced similar challenges and was again, able to rise to the occasion. The specialist team used their expertise to create a unique winching and kentledge system to lower and raise the heavy equipment. They also built scaffold platforms on which the rigs could operate, as well as employing ground protection measures.

James concludes - "Our pragmatic and practical approach to meeting our clients' needs is what sets ESG apart – we see challenges as opportunities to add value."

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About Environmental Scientifics Group (ESG)

Environmental Scientifics Group, or ESG as most people know it, is the UK's leading company in environmental inspection, testing and consultancy. Grown out of the combination of a number of strong businesses including Environmental Services Group and Scientifics, ESG prides itself on the levels of accreditation it holds within its businesses and has a long standing reputation of delivering the highest level of service to its clients.

ESG have been significant drivers of change and innovation within the industry, driven by legislation, international standards and the economic climate. Today, the business enjoys unrivalled expertise and breadth of scope across a large and diverse range of market sectors

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