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## KEY ATTRIBUTES

- Extensive and high level knowledge of managing and developing thriving international energy and environmental consultancy companies
- Proven ability to think strategically and to innovate and implement business plans successfully
- Excellent motivator of personnel with the ability to communicate effectively and to get the best out of people
- Proven ability to integrate businesses after acquisition
- Almost 35 years experience developing international networks within the energy/offshore sectors
- Accomplished in business review and subsequent enhancement and realisation of shareholder value; including corporate M&A

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Mick Cook Limited

**2009-Present**

#### *Managing Director*

Provision of commercial and business development consultancy advice to professional services companies operating primarily (but not exclusively) within the Energy and Environmental sectors. Activities included: board membership/advisory, business review, development and implementation of business plans, business re-structuring, services diversification, client relationship development, future business strategy, investment fund-raising and buy/sell side transactions management and advice.

Sell side transactions advisory includes:

Vendor	Business type	Buyer	Deal size
Metoc	Environmental	Intertek	£5-10m
Confidential	Renewables	Confidential	£10-20m
Confidential	Telecoms/power	Confidential	£1-5m
Geomotive	Seismic	Atlas	£5-10m
Confidential	O&G exploration	Confidential	£5-10m

### RPS Energy (formerly Hydrosearch Associates)

**1984-2008**

### *Managing Director - Operations*

Played a central and key role in developing the Hydrosearch energy, geoscience and HSE consultancy business from a company with a turnover of < UK£ 1 million in 1984 to a division of the RPS Group (RPS Energy) that turned over nearly £200m in 2008; the largest integrated Geoscience, Safety and Environmental consultancy operating in the energy sector at that time. Fulfilled many roles with responsibilities that included:

- Development of a world-wide business providing consultancy activities in seismic, site investigation and survey, well operations, health and safety and the environment
- Expansion of the business into the SE Asia, Australasia and North America and primary responsibility for these regions
- Initiating and developing regional offices including Perth, Australia and in Moscow, Russia and responsibility for Houston, USA and Calgary & Halifax, Canada offices
- Member of the Executive Board and regional boards since 1990
- Centrally involved in the acquisition of Hydrosearch by RPS in 2003 and a number of subsequent acquisitions of key companies by RPS
- Integration of acquired companies into the business
- Initiation and development of the burgeoning renewable energy business in which RPS now forms a central consultancy role in the UK and Europe
- Building a world-wide team of professionals and consultants
- Development of key client accounts and client relations
- Day to day responsibility for driving the business forward

### **Fairfield Aquatronics Limited (a Division of Fairfield Industries)**

**1980-1984**

#### *Geophysicist and Seismic Interpretation Manager*

Initially employed as a marine field geophysicist to acquire and interpret geophysical and geotechnical site investigation data. Projects mainly related to offshore drilling and field development activities world-wide. Promoted to Seismic Interpretation Manager in early 1982. Responsibility for all geophysical aspects of the company's global activities.

### **Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea**

**1977-1978**

#### *Planning Development Control Officer*

Responsible for assessing town-planning applications and making recommendations to the town-planning committee.

### **SUMMARY OF TERTIARY QUALIFICATIONS**

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Part-time Open University Course in Geology (Distinction) 1986

MSc in Marine Geophysics, Geotechnics and Physical Oceanography – University of Wales, Bangor (formerly University College of North Wales, Bangor) 1978-1979

BSc (2:1) in Geography – Queen Mary College – University of London 1973-1976

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Fellow of the Society for Underwater Technology

Member of the Petroleum Exploration Society for Great Britain

## **OTHER POSITIONS HELD**

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Non-executive Director – SLR Management – 2012-present

Board Advisor –MarineSpace – January 2013-present

2007-March 2014 – former *Chairman* and founding member of the International Energy Consultants Organisation (IECO)

2009-Present – *Chairman* of School of Ocean Sciences Alumni – Bangor University

2009-Present – *Member* of The International Oil and Gas Producers Association (OGP) sub-committee preparing Guidelines for Conduct of Marine Site Surveys for Offshore Drilling Locations

2009-2013 – *Member* of ISO Technical Panel TC67/SC7/WG10/TP2 – Geophysical Site Investigations

2011-Present – *Chairman* of OSIG sub-committee preparing Guidance Notes for Offshore Renewables Site Investigations

2011-Present – Young Enterprise *advisor* at Churcher's College, Petersfield, Hampshire

1997-2004 - *Chairman* of Offshore Site Investigation and Geotechnics Committee of the Society for Underwater Technology (SUT). Currently an active member of this committee.

## **INTERESTS**

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Include: rugby (RFU Level 2 coach), general fitness (running, cycling, walking and swimming) tennis, music, fine wines, gardening, bird watching and nature, photography, energy matters and business in general but primarily family and friends (married to Christine since 1980 - sons Christian (25) and Stefan (22)).