## Erne Concrete Pumping Ltd CASE STUPY

A family owned and managed business Erne Concrete Pumping Ltd was set up in 1998 and has grown significantly from a single mobile concrete pump to operating eleven Schwing pumps, at its peak the largest fleet in Northern Ireland. With headquarters at Derrylin and machines strategically located throughout the whole of Ireland, they can provide a fast and efficient service.

The firm has welcomed the growth and commercial success of recent years but also felt it necessary to invest heavily in their people to maintain this success in the turbulent economic climate.

Collete McCahery from the company explains;

"We wanted to develop the company further and gain recognised qualifications that would enable us to secure business on a local and national level. The economic downturn will make the future difficult for all companies and only those that have a fully qualified workforce will be in a more competitive position to win contracts and retain clients. We believe training to be vital to our success to date, and believe it important for our future."

Working with CITB-ConstructionSkills NI, the company has embraced training and development in their specialist area. They recently received grant assistance for the training and development of in house assessments through achievement of the assessors A1 award with local training provider Global Horizons. The firm are also continually investing in their people and they recently entered a candidate through the In-House Plant Instructors Course. The firm supports the national standard qualification for Concrete Pumps, the Plant Operations NVQ Level 2 for Truck Mounted Boom Concrete Pumps and

achievement of this will ensure that the workforce of Erne Concrete Pumping Ltd are assessed and competent.

CITB – ConstructionSkills NI encourages firms to continue training their employees even in the economic downturn. This will ensure a safe, professional and qualified workforce, is established now and for the future.



Peter Lunney, Erne Concrete Pumping receiving certification from Stephen Lynch Global Horizons.