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The nights are fair drawing out, as the saying doesn't go. Spring is always a relief after a Scottish winter, apart from losing that hour of sleep when the clocks change. Since our last Newsletter we have been busy as always. Back in November we held our Board meeting at The Glen Moray Distillery, in Elgin. At that Board meeting we formally welcomed James Archibald as a full Board member. James has been with us for many years, looking after many of our key Clients / Projects. His appointment as Contracts Director is thoroughly deserved and we wish him well in his new role.

Whilst in Moray, we took the time to sample some of Glen Moray's fine products with a tour & whisky tasting. We also visited the facilities of another Client, Speyside Cooperage at Craigellachie, which was fascinating watching the high skilled coopers working on the casks. Some even found time to visit the famous Johnstons of Elgin, where again the skill of the workforce at the Mill was clear to see. Separate from the Board business, the abiding memory of the visit to Moray was the people we met. The staff at all our visits were a credit to their organisations; pleasant, enthusiastic, knowledgeable and generous with their time. The pride they had in their work shone through. It was an excellent illustration of what good customer service is and it should always be at the forefront of any successful organisation. Here at Colorado we certainly strive to provide a positive customer experience, after all, it's normally how you keep a Client long term.

We hope you enjoy our Spring Newsletter. If you would like more information, or think we can help you in any way, please visit www.colorado-group.com or contact us on info@colorado-group.com

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Northern Lights over Port of Leith Distillery



Over many months we have posted a lot of pictures of the new Port of Leith Distillery, next to Ocean Terminal at the north edge of Edinburgh, on Linked-In [[Colorado Construction : My Company | LinkedIn](#)]. It has also featured in a few of our newsletters. Those facts could not stop us using this photo [we think taken by one of the Distillery team] within this issue. It is rare to see the northern lights this far south. We hope you like it as much as we do. The distillery continues to get closer to completion, we are now aiming for mid-August.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)



After liaising with leading Charity London Hearts, we have purchased the first two AEDs in our new roll out. One is installed in our Head Office and the other at our Port of Leith

Distillery site. Additional AEDs will be procured this year as more projects are set up and, where appropriate, they will be registered with The National Defibrillator Network so that members of the public can also access them (via an app) as well as those working on, or visiting our site. "You hope no-one you know needs one, but it could be vital to have access to a Defibrillator if ever someone became seriously unwell close by" said James Archibald, Director.

2023 Whisky Awards



We were delighted to sponsor the winner's drinks at The Scottish Whisky Awards late last year, held in Edinburgh. All winners were treated to some champagne as they collected their well-deserved accolade.

Plenty of our national drink sampled and a great night out was had by all. Well done to all the winning producers. Slainte!



Inchdairnie Distillery

Our relationship with Inchdairnie Distillery, a lower tier COMAH site in Fife, continues apace as in addition to maintenance works which have been carried out under an ongoing contract, there has been an additional project to design and construct 2 new maturation warehouses (numbered 13-14) next to the existing warehouses with enabling works for future units to be added. This project also included the construction of a New Finishing Warehouse and an extension to the existing Control Room - additional foul and surface water drainage has been incorporated and connected into the existing systems and pond.

This work is part of an ongoing expansion of the production capacity of the Distillery, with major investment in this relatively new whisky producing facility in the heart of Fife and represents a further boost for the local economy.



Emergency Works over Christmas Break



No rest for the... dedicated. We were called to visit the Glen Moray Distillery in Elgin over the festive break who needed assistance with a major watermain issue possibly caused by frost. A number of our Team attended site and promptly dealt with the issue, preventing a prolonged period of time where production would have been significantly affected. The Glen Moray Team were extremely grateful for the assistance, especially considering the time of year.

Lochranza Distillery

Lochranza Distillery, Isle of Arran, home of Arran Single Malt Whisky is where we are currently on site working to construct an extension to their fantastic existing facility. We are delighted to be working in this beautiful location again, even if the ferry service is currently driving us crazy!

The fresh space will include new washbacks to allow increased production and help to improve the visitor experience during distillery tours.

Angus Soutter, one of our highly valued Project Managers, is managing this project supported by QS David Innes as well as Construction Director, David McGinigal. We are looking forward to seeing this stunning location gain some improvements.



Houston Bottling IBC Works Award



We are delighted to have received another order from a repeat Customer,

Houston Bottling & Co-Pack have asked us to create a new store for their temporary spirit vessels [IBCs]. We are currently looking at other potential works for them, as they look to maximise efficiencies to enable them to react to the continued demand for additional storage and bottling of Scotch Whisky.

Leven Drive Through Completion



Pictured is the completed Stephens Bakery in Leven, Fife, delivered by Mark Kennedy and many of our in-house trades, The famous steak briedies [as well as all their other products] will be available in-store or from the drive through.

Works at AG Barr



Steven Hansen and his team are to credit for the recent success working with AG Barr and Scotland's other national drink – IRN BRU. The team worked with Consulting Engineers Blyth and Blyth to help with improvements to the production line. A noteworthy factor in this project is that the factory remained live during these improvement works.

In the past, some of team had delivered projects at this same Cumbernauld site, albeit under a different guise, but it was fantastic to renew that connection.

West Lothian Chamber of Commerce and Construction Forum



We recently joined the West Lothian Chamber of Commerce. As a Livingston based Company, we are keen to keep make new connections, benefit from Chamber events and play our part in contributing to local groups, organisations, young people and new entrants into the Construction Industry. We will share more on this soon.

The Lighthouse Club Charity

We are also delighted to confirm that we have agreed to become a Company Supporter of The Lighthouse Club Charity. As wholly Construction Industry Charity, the Lighthouse Club do so much for the workforce within, or retired from what can be a demanding Sector to work in. We look forward to benefiting from being a member and to contributing towards the vital work they do. Again, we will be sharing more soon.



James Archibald now a Full Board Member



As noted in the introductory message above, congratulations are in order to our James Archibald as he becomes a full member of the Board. After many years with Colorado and taking excellent care of many of our key projects and Clients, this recent transition seems fitting. His appointment as Contracts Director comes well deserved after his years of dedicated and thoughtful work. We wish you much success in this new role James, congratulations!