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EASTERN CONTRACTING RETURNS TO NORWICH

Staff at East Anglian building services contractor, Eastern Contracting, were celebrating being back in Norwich today, and planning a recruitment drive following the opening of the company's new office in the city.

Eastern Contracting is returning to Norwich after a three-year break, when the office closed under its previous owners. Last year the business was bought by Southern Electric Contracting, and under its new ownership, staff hope to re-establish a presence in the city and rebuild relationships with previous customers.

The new office will offer its domestic, commercial and industrial customers a full range of electrical contracting services, including electrical installation, high voltage maintenance, data communications and gas and electric central heating installation. Ideally located in Gilchrist Close, just off the A47, the office will have good communication links with its key customers in and around Norwich.

Manager Danny Symonds, will run the new business, supported by a team of 42 staff. Danny, 34, who began his career with Eastern Contracting as an apprentice electrician in 1989, is looking forward to the challenge:

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“We have gained a number of high profile customers in this area, such as the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and The Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association, so it makes sense to have a local presence”, he explained. “The new office will allow us to work more closely with our existing customers. It will also help develop new business opportunities in the region.

“I am very optimistic about the future of the business; Southern Electric Contracting is one of the building services industry’s biggest success stories, with a reputation for delivering a safe, quality service. By adopting the same winning formula, I see no reason why we shouldn’t enjoy a similar level of success here in Norwich.”

Danny is so positive the business in Norwich will take off, he has already started looking for new staff. “We are looking for an extra 20 electricians to join the team over the medium term future and we will be taking on two apprentice electricians this summer. We are always on the lookout for skilled craftsmen, so I would urge any electricians considering a career move to get in touch.”

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Notes for Editors

1. Eastern Contracting is the local business of Southern Electric Contracting (SEC) in East Anglia. The business offers a full range of mechanical and electrical contracting services to including the installation of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems, high voltage, electrical and instrumentation, street lighting, electrical inspection and test, and data communications. Its clients include Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association, the Essex and Suffolk Water Company and the Carrow site in Norwich, which manufactures top brand food and soft drinks.