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Record revenue, improved profitability, and higher return on capital

On the 26th of July, we announced a strong set of results for the year ending 30th April 2023, building on last year's excellent progress.

We reported record revenues of £148.7m with a growth of 19% compared with FY2022, driven by increased activity levels across all divisions.

We delivered an improved operating margin of 3.9% and increased pre-tax profit of £5.4m in the year to April 2023, up from £3.6m previously.

Mark Cutler, Chief Executive, commented: "I am delighted to report a strong set of results, building on last year's excellent progress as we emerged from the pandemic.

"The breadth of the Group's expertise, strength of balance sheet and depth of resource allows us to offer the best value to our customers, with whom we are forging closer long-term partnerships.

"The actions taken over the last three years are starting to deliver sustainable results that put us firmly on-track to deliver our medium-term financial objectives.

"I want to extend my sincere thanks to our employees, suppliers and customers for their hard work and support over the last year."

Major project underway to support new warehousing complex in Scotland

Work has recently commenced on one of our largest rigid inclusion projects to date, to support a new warehousing complex in Portgordon, Scotland.

Our ground improvement team began installing rigid inclusions for the main contractor, Robertson Group in July.



Once complete the project will support the expansion requirements of William Grant & Sons, a renowned premium spirits company.

The scope of work includes the installation of more than 15,150 rigid inclusions across four whisky storage warehouses, covering an area of 535,000 square feet and designed to support both the foundations and the floor slabs.

Strata opens new sample storage facility at former Pinxton depot

To support its expanding operations, Strata Geotechnics has recently opened a dedicated sample processing and storage facility.

The refurbished workshops offer an ideal space for temperature-controlled storage of all geotechnical samples from ground investigation operations.

Gary Baxter, Operations Director for Strata Geotechnics, said: "This facility is key to our provision of high-quality services to our customers. It also allows us to operate more efficiently across a single site with room to expand to meet our growing framework order book."



National Inclusion Week 2023

We supported National Inclusion Week (25th September – 1st October).

The theme, 'Take Action Make Impact,' encouraged everyone to consider what actions they can take to positively affect marginalised individuals in their workplaces.



Throughout the week, we encouraged open conversations among our employees, empowering them to be drivers of change and action. We shared inclusive moments, highlighted resources, launched an 'inclusive voice box', and revisited pledges made last year.

Diversity, inclusion, and equality remain fundamental values at Van Elle, and we continue in our efforts to educate and raise awareness across our business.



Specialist Piling team begin work at Tottenham North Curve

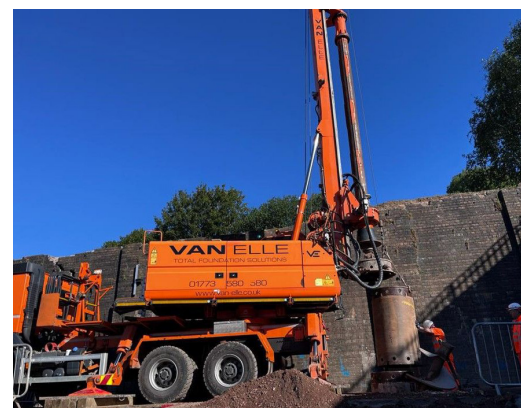
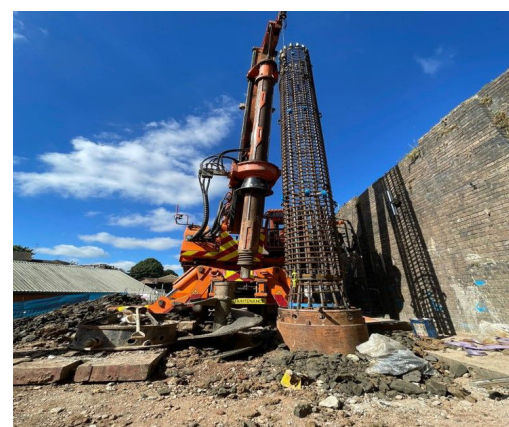
The team are working for AmcoGiffen on behalf of Network Rail installing 52 bored cast-in-place piles, to stabilise the existing tunnel wall.

During this current phase of work, the team installed 44 x 900mm piles to depths of up to 23.5m, using our specialised lorry mount STM-20 piling rig.

The work presents notable logistical challenges, the location of the work site means that we need to transport all cages approximately 50 meters down a steep incline, navigating a sharp bend near the rail line.

Subsequently, the journey continues along a lengthy 100-meter haul road, which passes under an old Victorian railway tunnel, and then finally onto the site.

In addition to these intricate operations, our team is conducting thermal integrity profiling testing on the scheme to assess the integrity and quality of bored piles.



Aaron Lee completes apprenticeship

Congratulations to Aaron Lee, Loading Shovel Driver who recently completed his Piling Apprentice apprenticeship, gaining a Level 2 National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in Piling Operations.

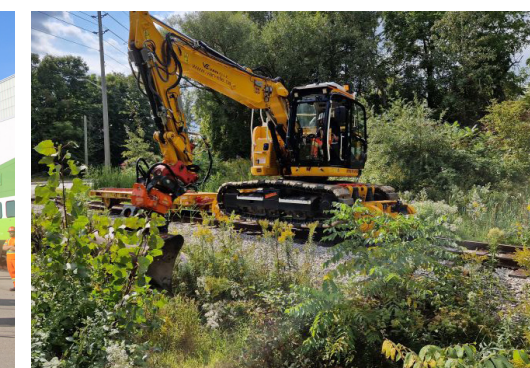
Aaron was part of the first cohort of Piling Apprentices at Van Elle and successfully passed with a merit grade.

Aaron has demonstrated exceptional value as a member of our team and we look forward to seeing what his future holds.



Van Elle Canada attend Metrolinx

The Canada team attended the Metrolinx innovation day at Whitby GO Train Maintenance Facility, where they delivered a practical demonstration of ATO (Any Track Open) working to the new Metrolinx ATO work procedure.



Strata utilise the VETRACK rig for house renovation in Notting Hill

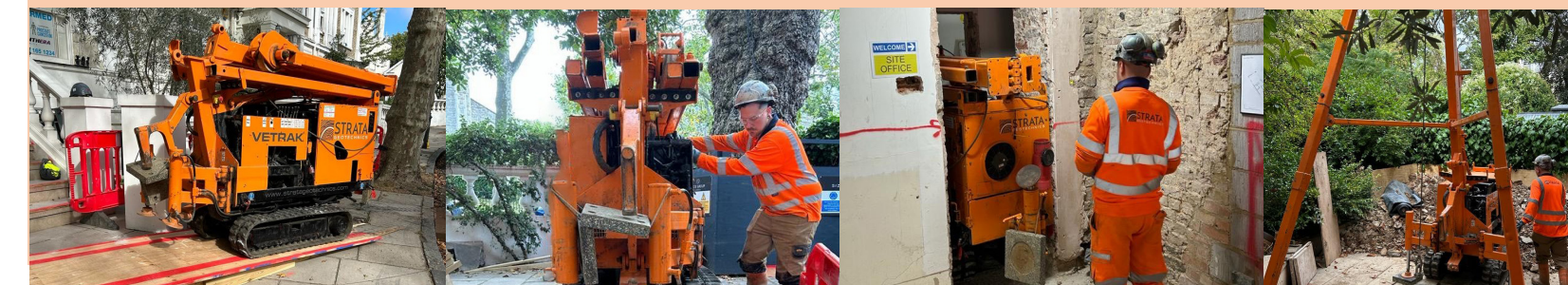
Strata Geotechnics completed ground investigation works for a house renovation project located in Central London. The team drilled a single 25m borehole to inform pile design for the second phase of work that is due to be carried out by our Van Elle Specialist Piling

To ensure easy and safe access through narrow doorways and entries on site, they utilised our VETRACK Restricted Access Cable Percussion (CP) rig.

Once the rig was at the drilling location, the mast unfolded and drilled using a 6m height mast.

Upon completion of the Specialist Piling works the Strata team will be called back to the site to carry out pile testing, showcasing our full end-to-end capabilities.

Well done to Matthew Higginson, Curtis Thrasher and Harrison Case.



Collaborative Social Value Day helps light up football club

We collaborated with SPL Powerlines and Adey Steel Group to install floodlight foundations for Holbrook St Michaels football club.

Van Elle donated concrete and a mixer with support from Spot on, Adey Steel Group provided bolts, and SPL coordinated labour and planning.

The players now have a new lighting system for better training and matches.



Piling team return to Great Charles Street

Our Piling team recently returned to Great Charles Street in Birmingham to carry out the next phase of foundation works, involving the installation of 240No CFA piles, which range from 600mm to 1050mm in diameter.

These piling works are part of a project undertaken for John Sisk & Sons, which will support a high-rise, residential-led complex that will offer much-needed homes for rent in the area.

