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SES helps transform new Hotel & Spa development

The North division of building services firm, SES, has completed the £10 million installation of the mechanical & electrical services to Rockliffe Hall Hotel & Spa, in Hurworth-on-Tees near Darlington.

Since construction work began in 2006, the hall has been renovated from a run down 19th century mansion, into a luxurious 5-star hotel and golf complex, which opened its doors to guests for the first time on 23rd November 2009.

Amongst all the usual building services installations, SES was involved in fitting some of the most sophisticated high-end lighting and integrated management system to the hotel in order to ensure comfort and quality within the facility.

A vast amount of planning was required to incorporate the complex mechanical & electrical equipment into the project and to provide a modern services infrastructure, which was not only sympathetic to the old building, but met the demands and high standards of the client.

The hotel boasts 61 individually designed bedrooms and apartels, three exclusive restaurants, a championship golf course and a spa which houses holistic treatment rooms, kinetic gym and pool facilities. With all of these amenities, it is hard to deny that the Rockliffe Hall Hotel raises the bar for 5-star hotels everywhere and is a credit to the teams involved in the construction.

Steve Joyce, Operations Director for SES, North Division said, "There was never going to be an "off the shelf" solution for a project like this and, being such a prestigious and complex development, SES was keen to rise to the challenge.

“What you see when you walk around the completed hotel, is quality without compromise - all the hard work that SES and the construction teams have put in to turning the hotel from an artist’s impression into a lavish reality makes it all worthwhile! The finished product is a million miles away from the ploughed field we started with two and a half years ago.”

As well as being the only 5-star hotel in Darlington, Rockliffe Hall’s spa is one of the largest in the country, while the golf facilities – which opened earlier in the year – include a 7,879-yard championship 18-hole course, which is one of the longest challenges in European golf.

Sister Company, Shepherd Construction were the principal contractors on this £50 million build project.

SES is working on a number of other projects across the North East. It recently completed the Great North Museum and Newcastle City Library, whilst work is currently underway on several schools across the region and Teesside University Sports & Science building.

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Editor’s Notes

1. SES is an award winning, industry leading building services company handling projects up to £40m for the Public and Private sectors - including Education, Healthcare, Retail, Leisure, Commercial, Industrial and Waste.
2. SES operates throughout the UK, with its Head Office in York. SES also has offices in Newcastle, Manchester, Sheffield, Coventry, London, Slough and Swindon.
3. SES employs approximately 700 people including a wide base of skilled craftsmen and a multi-disciplinary in-house design team.
4. Since its foundation more than 40 years ago, the business has been a recognised leader for quality, innovation and training and is accredited by Investors In People.

5. SES was the first building services company in the UK to achieve the OHSAS18001:1999 safety accreditation, awarded by the British Standards Institute in 2003, and is also accredited to the environmental standard ISO 14001:2004
6. SES has been named 'Mechanical and Electrical Specialist of the Year' in the 2006 and 'Best Building Services Company' in 2009 in the Construction News, Specialists Awards.
7. SES is part of Shepherd Group, one of the largest family owned private companies in Europe, with a Group turnover in excess of £650 million.