

## Lesley Desport CEng MICE

My name is Lesley Desport, I am aged 37 and am delighted to have recently achieved Chartered Engineer status by becoming a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

I am presently residing and working in the Kingdom of Bahrain as a Senior Design Engineer (specialising in Wastewater Networks) with MWH's joint venture group, Watson Khonji Consulting Engineers.

After graduating from Strathclyde University with a BEng Hons in Civil Engineering in 1988, I spent approximately 18 months working in Glasgow as a Graduate Engineer. When an opportunity to work abroad arose, I didn't hesitate and moved with the intention of returning to UK after one year. However, at the end of this period, I chose to remain abroad - and find it hard to believe that fourteen years have now passed since I emigrated from UK. During this period I have also worked in UAE and Qatar in both the water and wastewater fields before moving on to Bahrain in 2000.

I manage a small team of engineers and technical staff who are engaged in the design of wastewater networks for residential areas of Bahrain which are currently served by septic tanks.

Applying for my Chartered Professional Review has been a goal since graduation. I view becoming a Registered Engineer as an opportunity to further develop my career and broaden my horizons. The present political climate in the Middle East gives cause for concern and I consider my newly acquired and internationally recognised CEng MICE status as a 'booster passport' for travel should the need arise!

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