

FRESH START FOR CITRUS TRAINING

Citrus Training and Consulting is a new Cork business providing training solutions to the business, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, engineering and construction sectors. Founded by Jennifer Forde and Mike Derham, Citrus Training has over ten years experience built up in the training division of Cadco Ltd and their combination of technical skills and market experience enables the new business to offer a broad range of training courses. With an already established loyal client base, the new company aims to build on this with new courses customised to suit the challenges facing companies both on the technical and the people management side.

"We are very satisfied with

the training and consulting services we have received from Citrus. They have an excellent grasp on management information systems we require in our fast moving business environment. They have devised some excellent solutions to enhance our business efficiency," says Chris Russell, Director Sales, Nualight.

Citrus courses include a full range of Microsoft Office,

ECDL, CAD, Project Management, Web Editing, Soft Skills and Health & Safety courses at Introductory, Intermediate and Advanced levels. Courses are available in-house but open courses are also being offered at Citrus' Cork premises. Citrus consultancy services include Database, Excel, Intranet and Draughting consultancy, which are tailored to suit the client's requirements.



Pictured (l-r) are Mike Derham and Jennifer Forde

SEABRIDGE CONTINUES TO INVEST IN TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES

Seabridge has invested and developed its IT capabilities in line with the highest technological advancements available to the logistics sector today. In today's highly competitive global economy, the worldwide movement of cargo has become increasingly sophisticated and time/cost critical.

The company is constantly re-investing in new facilities, upgrading its equipment and expanding the portfolio of customer services.

In addition, Seabridge has committed itself to continually invest in new technology and equipment so as to enhance the productivity and efficiency of its clients supply chain.

As one of Ireland's largest independent logistics operators its business philosophy is based on long-term success rather than

short term profits. Seabridge prides itself on being trusted to respond promptly and professionally to whatever uncertainty or difficulties its clients may encounter.

Seabridge has its core competence in overnight, Express Groupage and Full Load Freight to and from the island of Ireland. As an Irish Company with offices in London Heathrow, St Helens, Belfast, Cork and Dublin, the company operates numerous scheduled services to and from all five locations every day, making Seabridge one of the largest express freight operators on the Irish Sea. The Seabridge Company was first established in the early 1980's by its then parent company to promote its Ireland-UK-Ireland freight activities.

LEADING R&D OPERATIONS OPENS IN CORK

A new €1.6 million leading edge R&D operation has been officially opened in Cork. PAS Technologies, a high performance aviation and industrial repair service provider, repairs, refurbishes and remanufactures components of gas turbine engines used in the utilities and power generation sectors. This highly innovative R&D centre will be responsible for the development of advanced technology component repair

services for land-based turbine engines, which are used to power electricity generation stations, pump oil and gas and to power ships, desalination plants, and factory utilities.

The Irish operation is responsible for developing and embracing new capability and technology on behalf of the wider PAS Group, developing materials, processes and tooling to service and repair components of land-

based turbines.

Recognising this capability Robert Weiner, President and CEO of PAS Inc has appointed the Irish operation as the lead company within the group for industrial gas turbine business growth globally. The investment is supported by the government through IDA Ireland and is anticipated to create 10 high-value positions, with recruitment already underway at the operation.

IN BRIEF

SEAI FIVE-YEAR PLAN

■ The state body, Sustainable Energy Ireland, which has changed its name to Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), revealed an ambitious five-year plan that promises €6 billion in savings as well as the creation of between 5,000 and 10,000 jobs every year. The five year plan, says Professor Eoin Lewis, SEAI Chief Executive, is something that "touches everyone so everyone must be part of this."

With this in mind, the plan not only outlines targets for sustainable transport such as electric cars and the creation of a smart grid for electricity supply but also tangible current objectives for home owners with a focus on retro-fitting for energy efficient buildings in order to reach a position of 20 per cent savings by 2020.

CHINESE GOOGLE MAY CLOSE

■ It is increasingly likely that Google will close its Chinese-language search engine in the aftermath of spying and hacking allegations that emerged in recent months. Chinese rival Baidu's shares have jumped as a result. China has denied any role in the attacks on the computers of 20 US businesses and Chinese human rights activities, which prompted Google to threaten to close its Chinese search engine. In January, Google's Chief Legal Officer David Drummond revealed that Google and a number of other companies based in China were hacked and that hackers attempted to access the Gmail accounts of notable civil rights activists. The controversy has been simmering ever since but it is increasingly likely Google will exit the massive Chinese market.