## **CURRICULUM VITAE of Nigel Terence Humphrey**

Nigel Terence Humphrey B.Eng.

1976 to 1979 - University of Liverpool - Honours Degree (B.Eng.) Mechanical Engineering.

1979 to 1981 - Rolls Royce Ltd - Postgraduate apprenticeship.

Nigel Humphrey is currently a Partner (1998) with Strange, Strange & Gardner Consulting Forensic Engineers, having joined as a Consulting Engineer in 1987. He undertakes the impartial investigation, reporting on, and giving evidence as an Expert Witness in, liability claims arising out of accidents in factories, building sites, offices, shops, leisure premises etc., including occupational health and safety matters, and in disputes concerning product liability, the design and operation of plant and machinery, and the suitability and performance of equipment generally.

Nigel has been instructed in approximately 3500 cases involving Personal Injury claims and commercial, or insurance, claims. Personal injury cases have included claims concerning, for example: ladders and other access equipment; slipping and tripping, fork lift trucks and mechanical handling plant; Heavy Goods Vehicles; agricultural equipment; machine tools and woodworking machines, and other industrial machinery; playgrounds; domestic, leisure and exercise equipment; as well as diseases and disorders such as hearing loss, and conditions arising from exposure to vibration etc. Commercial cases have involved claims arising from the operation and failure of gas turbine plant; building services plant; cranes workshop machinery; process plant and equipment; and automotive equipment and products. Appended to this CV is a list of typical subject areas in which investigations are undertaken by Strange, Strange & Gardner. Nigel Humphrey has investigated and reported on matters that can be categorised under most of the subject areas listed.

Prior to 1987 Nigel was employed by a manufacturer of gas turbines (jet engines) for use in aircraft propulsion, marine propulsion, and power generation and similar applications. During this time he was involved in the defect investigation and failure analysis of gas turbines, the maintenance and overhaul of gas turbines and ancillary plant, and also the on-site installation, commissioning, and maintenance of gas turbine power generation projects. This last role involved working on site for long periods, often overseas, and included responsibility for many different aspects of on-site project work. Following this Nigel was employed as a project engineer for a company specialising in the design and manufacture of hydraulic lifting and tensioning equipment, primarily for use in the petrochemical and offshore industry. Again this position included responsibility for many aspects, from design to on-site operation.

Nigel Humphrey is an accredited Expert Witness, listed in the Law Society's Directory of Expert Witnesses, UK Register of Expert Witnesses and APIL Experts Database.

## Strange, Strange & Gardner

Strange, Strange & Gardner is one of the foremost Firms of Consulting Forensic Engineers in the UK, the current partnership dating from the 1940's. The broad basis of the firm's work is in accident investigation, occupational health and safety, plant and machinery disputes, and transportation and road traffic matters. As a normal part of our work, we consider the safety of equipment, workplaces, systems of work in general and training, and where necessary referring to any relevant standards and authoritative publications, together with the application of any relevant Statutes. The firm has a reputation for independence and impartiality, and we are instructed by solicitors, insurance companies, Government and local authority departments, and we receive instructions on both criminal and civil matters. Historically, the instructions have been about equally divided between Claimant (Plaintiff) and Defendant, but since the introduction of the 'Woolf reforms', a significant proportion of instructions has been to Single Joint act as the



**Accident Investigation** Aeronautical Engineering

Agriculture

Air Filtration Equipment Amusement Rides

Asbestosis

Asthma (inc. Organic Dust) Automatic Assembly Machinery

Automotive Engineering.

Beat Knee Boilers **Building** 

Bus and Coach Building

Caravans

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Carpet Manufacture and Testing

Cars

Centrifugal Extractors Chemical Engineering Civil Engineering

**CNC Metalworking Machinery** 

Coatings (Metal) Combustion Component Handling

**Construction Plant/Site Practice** 

Cranes

Deafness Dermatitis

Dermatus
Development, vehicle
Diesel Engines
Diseases, Industrial
Drains and Sewers
Dust/Fume Extraction

**Electrical Engineering** 

Energy

Engines, petrol and diesel

Ergonomics Escalators Explosions

Fabrication Steel Factory Safety

Floor Covering Machinery

Floor Coverings Flour/Feed Milling

Flues

Fork Lift Trucks

Foundry Work Fracture Mechanics Fume Extraction

Gas Compressors
Gas Engineering
Gas Turbines and Plant
Glass/Glazing

Hazards

**Health and Safety** 

Hearing

Heating and Appliances Heavy Commercial Vehicles Heavy Lifting/Handling Equipment Heavy Vehicle Manufacture Highway Engineering

Hydraulics

Industrial Diseases

Injuries

Instruments, Precision

Insulation

Ladders Leisure Industry Lifting Equipment

Lifts Lighting

Machine Shop Practice
Machine Tools
Manual Handling
Marine Engineering
Marine Gas Turbines
Materials Handling
Mechanical Engineering
Mechanical Handling Equipment

Metal Coatings/Stress Military Engineering

Mining
Motor Sports
Motor Vehicles

Nautical Engineering Noise (Industrial/Vehicle)

Occupational Health/Injury

Office Safety Oil Rig Platforms

Packaging Machinery Papermaking Machinery Passenger Vehicle Manufacture

Personal Injury Photography Pipes, gas Playgrounds Plumbing

Power Station Engineering Power Station Practice Precision Instruments Printing Machinery **Product Liability** Product Engineering Professional Negligence Propulsion, Marine Pumps

Quarrying

Radiological Protection

Refrigeration

Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI)

Respiratory Diseases
Risk Assessment
Road Traffic Accidents

Roads and Highways

Robotics

Safety Scaffolding Schools

Software Engineering

Sport

**Stair/Slipping Accidents** 

Swimming Pools

Tenosynovitis
Textile Machinery
Tool Room Work
Toxicology/Toxins
Tiled Floors
Training
Transport
Turbines, Gas

**Upper Limb Disorders** 

Vacuum Applied Coatings/Work Ventilation (Heating Appliances) Vibration White Finger (VWF)

Water Supply Welding Woodworking

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