



Commercial Innovation of the Year

Winner: Balfour Beatty – King Sheet Piling

Quotes below are taken from the article by Tim Miller on 18 July 2014 on the Construction News Awards website.

“In awarding the Commercial Innovation of the Year prize to an ‘exceptional’ sheet piling technique, the judges were united in recognising that Balfour Beatty Construction Services UK had been more than just innovative: here was a practice that could revolutionise a process largely unchanged for 120 years.”

“Without a prior trial, the contractor took the bold step of immediately putting the technique to the test on its M25 widening project.”

Judges’ comment *“This was an exceptional example of a simple innovation really well implemented to deliver significant benefits to the client and supply chain”*

“The across-the-board benefits of using King Sheet Piling made it impossible to overlook as Commercial Innovation of the Year.”

“Technically, the system excels.”

Judges’ comment *“It was especially impressive how they were brave enough to use this innovation first on a major project and how they have gone on to ensure it is taken up across the group”*

“... the firm wants to take the benefits of the system to the wider industry and around the world.

“The judges felt that this UK innovation could truly make an impact on that global scale.”