



# Panton McLeod



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## **Key Promotion for Water Quality Engineering Firm**

The UK's leading water quality engineering firm has made another key appointment as it steps up its ambitious expansion plans for 2011.

Panton McLeod has announced that civil engineer Barclay Smart has been promoted to Operations Manager as part of an ongoing strategy to increase the firm's repairs, cleaning and inspection presence in the UK water sector over the next 12 months.

Former MJ Gleeson civil engineer Barclay Smart joined Panton McLeod in 2009 and has already managed many of the firm's projects across Scotland over the past year. In his new role as Operations Manager, the 30-year-old Dundee University graduate will work closely alongside Panton McLeod's Operations Director Paul Henderson to co-ordinate a range of specialist cleaning, inspection and repair work on service reservoirs and water storage facilities throughout the UK.

Barclay said: "The last year or so has been a very important time for Panton McLeod. The company has been growing steadily and is now offering even more services than ever before to the UK water sector, so it has been very rewarding to have been part of the team responsible for driving forward that growth.

"However, I'm delighted to be promoted as Operations Manager and to have the opportunity to help grow the company's influence even further across the UK. I'm now looking forward to taking a bigger role in managing Panton McLeod's operations and projects throughout the whole country.

"The company is a dynamic leader in its field, working with the biggest water firms across the UK, so I'm looking forward to the challenge of further cementing its position as the country's leading water quality engineering firm."

In his previous work as a civil engineer for construction firms Mowlem Plc and MJ Gleeson, Barclay was involved with a number of high-profile projects across the UK – including a new training area for the Ministry of Defence in Northumberland, the construction of the new Kelso Bowmont service reservoir and an upgrade of the Melrose Sewage Treatment Works.

During his tenure as a civil engineer with Panton McLeod, Barclay has been a central member of the team responsible for managing the firm's high-profile projects throughout Scotland.

Iain Weir, Panton McLeod's Managing Director, said: "We've been very impressed with Barclay's enthusiasm and expertise since he joined the company. He's been a great asset for the team throughout a very important time for Panton McLeod, and has helped us maintain our important work in Scotland as we were expanding across the rest of the UK.

"We had no hesitation whatsoever in promoting him to Operations Manager – and this appointment sends a clear statement about our intentions for the future and how we plan to grow the business further across Scotland and the rest of the UK.

"Barclay has been involved in some very high-profile projects in the water industry over the past few years, so he is the ideal candidate to manage our specialist work across the whole of the UK."

Panton McLeod provides expert cleaning, inspection and repair services on water storage facilities for a range of major water firms across the country, including Scottish Water, United Utilities and Severn Trent Water.

The firm, which has offices in the Scottish Borders and Nottingham, has also pioneered the use of innovative underwater robots which can inspect and clean water storage structures while they are still filled with drinking water and in service – meaning there is no disruption to customers' supplies.

More information can be found at the website [www.pantonmcleod.co.uk](http://www.pantonmcleod.co.uk)

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