

PRESS RELEASE

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First Lady

Karen Turton has become the first female registered Approved Inspector.

CIC's Approved Inspectors Register (CICAIR) is the body designated by government for approving inspectors. Individual and Corporate Approved Inspectors registered with CICAIR are qualified to undertake building control work in accordance with section 49 of the Building Act 1984 and the Building Approved Inspectors etc.) Regulations 2000 (as amended).

Karen, who is setting up her own company, Turton Building Control Ltd in Nottingham, said

"I am looking forward to the many challenges to be faced operating as a small company in the construction industry. I have wanted to start my own company for a number of years and am delighted that I have finally succeeded. I am already expanding and my first employee will be starting in January 2005, incidentally another woman!"

Richard Biggs, CICAIR Registrar and the Director of Policy Development for CIC said:

"I am delighted that Karen has succeeded in her application to become the 'first lady' Approved Inspector and wish her well in her new venture. I hope that her success will encourage many more women to apply".

There are currently 53 Approved Inspectors on the Register, of which 24 are individuals and 29 are corporate. A full list of these plus details on how to become an Approved Inspector can be found at www.cic.org.uk

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Notes to the editor

1. CIC is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist trade associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.

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