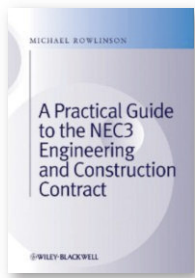


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Rhead Group Authority Publishes Comprehensive NEC3 Industry Guide



On March 4th 2011, highly regarded construction law publishers, Wiley-Blackwell, released *A Practical Guide to the NEC3 Engineering and Construction Contract* – the long awaited reference tool by Michael Rowlinson, Head of Dispute Resolution at international construction programme consultancy, the Rhead Group.

Launched in 1991, the New Engineering Contract (NEC) has become one of the UK's leading standard forms of contract for major construction and civil engineering projects. Currently in the third edition, popularly known as NEC3, it is a process based construction contract embodying project management best practice which encourages a less adversarial approach to that employed with other standard construction contracts.

Michael's book is anticipated to be a great aid to users wrestling in the transition from their use and understanding of existing standard construction contracts to the collaborative project-management based approach of the ECC.

"The book is written as a practical guide to the application of the procedures contained in NEC3, for anyone working in the construction industry on a project under the ECC and particularly for those actually using the contract. It will be of interest to the complete construction supply chain including employers, the construction professions, contractors and sub-contractors. It will also be of interest to consultants and lawyers advising any of these parties, either in the preparation of contract documentation or the resolution of problem situations which may arise," commented Michael.

The author, Michael Rowlinson, is a nationally respected and highly qualified contractual specialist with over 30 years' experience in the construction industry. He offers a wealth of experience in the commercial and legal issues affecting the sector and has advised, lectured and worked with the NEC3 and all other construction contracts for many years, becoming a recognised authority on the subject.

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