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Welcome

The SCA Group are a leading supplier of Multi-Discipline and Fixed Site Management services, always performed professionally and with the utmost attention to health and safety in operation at all times. We offer a number of specialised services tailored specifically to our clients' needs and requirements, ensuring a high quality service is delivered in all of our projects.

From Specialist Scaffolding Access and Containment, to Rope Access, Industrial Painting and Surface Preparation, SCA's services satisfy the needs of a multitude of clients from a wide range of sectors. We have vast experience in Oil and Gas, Marine, Commercial, Network Rail, Industrial and Renewables markets, not to mention being a favoured contractor to a number of Blue-Chip clients across the UK.

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About the SCA Group

The SCA Group are a pro-active, Multi-Discipline contractor, servicing multiple markets in Fixed Site Management, Contract Scaffolding, Rope Access, Industrial Painting, and Specialist Containment.

With our Head Office location on the South Coast of England, just outside Bournemouth, SCA has permanent UK offices across the country, providing national coverage for all of our various activities and trades.

*“Forward thinking and Innovation
are key to our successes”*

Using our substantial knowledge and expertise in all of our service provisions, SCA is able to offer the complete Site Management package to ensure the smooth operation of your site, or the extended life of your asset through strategic planning, and a close working relationship with all of our clients.

SCA can be found working in a wide and diverse range of locations, which is testament to our multi-skilled team and our professional approach to working in all circumstances. Whether it be repairing on offshore wind turbine, or painting the inside of an industrial tank, SCA have a vast network of service solutions on offer, whatever the environment.

All of SCA’s operatives and technicians are qualified to the highest possible standard in all of our trades, meaning we are PTS qualified to work track-side on the Rail network, or IRATA trained to complete Rope Access contracts safely, and in line with industry guidelines.

Service Capabilities

The SCA Group offers a range of Multi-Discipline services through a number of divisions, all headed up by an experienced and fully qualified management team. From Contract Scaffolding through to Surface Preparation, SCA caters for clients’ needs on a contract wide basis, or via the individual disciplines, all to an exemplary standard, meeting critical deadlines, and without sacrificing high safety standards or quality performance.

The SCA Group operate all services in a wide range of sectors on an International scale. We are vastly experienced in all of our provisions and as such, we apply the same level of commitment to safety, professionalism in our workmanship, and innovative solutions to complex problems in all sectors in which we work.

Given the diverse nature of the clients that we work for and the sectors in which we operate, the SCA team recognise the importance of working closely with our customers. This ultimately ensures the best response to the clients’ requirements, and that the provision is delivered to the highest level of quality, and in excess of expectations.



National Coverage

The SCA Group has experienced substantial growth in stature and coverage over the years, and we can truly offer a national service, with fixed and permanent locations across the United Kingdom.

Our Head Office location remains on the South Coast just outside Bournemouth, but we have now established a North and South Site Services office in both Scunthorpe, North Lincs, and Wimborne, Dorset respectively. This gives us full management focus and geographical coverage to allow us to offer our Multi-Discipline and Site Service packages throughout the country.

The company's origins are in the country's leading shipyards and we have nurtured and maintained this relationship and continue to have a presence in Falmouth, Portsmouth, Hebburn, Middlesbrough and Govan in Scotland.



Site Services

SCA's wide and varied skill set allows us to offer a professional solution to the management of Fixed Sites and trades. This hugely successful provision caters for a wide range of requirements, strategically designed to offer a full package that ensures a smooth and continuous operation in your location or area.

We can combine all or some of our trades to tailor-make a solution for the management of a fixed site location, utilising experienced and qualified supervision and technicians to carry out specialised access or surface preparation activities for example. These provisions lend themselves perfectly to repair and refurbishment, or protective services, to name a few, and can create the perfect solution for your needs.

All of our operatives not only cover the access, servicing or coating of various on-site assets, structures, or buildings, but can also provide general maintenance or upkeep of the surroundings

This would generally take the form of devegetation activities, repointing brickwork, blockwork or stonework, tree removal, and everything else in between where due care and attention is required to ensure operations continue efficiently on site.



Rope Access

SCA Rope Access offers a proven system of achieving a safe and cost effective work position at height or in areas of complicated access. A much less cumbersome alternative to employing heavy machinery or equipment, which can be as costly as it is difficult to organise, Rope Access allows access to areas that would appear to be unobtainable.

The principle advantage in using Rope Access methods mainly lies in the safety and speed with which technicians can get to or from difficult locations, and then carry out the necessary work, with minimum impact on other operations that may be taking place in the area.

Initially developed from techniques used in caving, it answers the need for a simple, safe and adaptable means of access with its first large scale use being for inspections on the oil and gas platforms of the North Sea.

As its value as a work solution grew rope access has also developed onshore where it is to be seen undertaking all manner of work from high-rise window and façade cleaning and general maintenance to repair, geotechnical and inspection work on some of the world's most iconic structures. Nowadays, you are just as likely to see a Rope Access operative working on an embankment or cliff face, as you are on a pylon or historic building.

Providing access to areas from above means that other trades on site can continue working unhindered, without jeopardising safety to those around us. SCA Rope Access is a full member of IRATA, the World's governing body for rope access activities, and carries out all activities in accordance with the strict guidelines set out by the trade association.



Industrial Coatings

The SCA Industrial Coatings Division provide a whole spectrum of services from Inspection and Analysis to Blasting and Coatings. All of our painting operatives and supervisors are highly experienced and qualified guaranteeing that all surveys or applications are carried out to a high standard, thus eliminating the prospect of coating failures or incorrect product choices.

Advancements in industrial paints and more stringent preparation standards have meant that painting has become a much more skilled operation. It is now common place in many industries for unskilled and unqualified operatives to carry out painting works, in turn leading to poor application and costly coatings failures.

Our aim is to make sure that your structure or asset is correctly examined and protected and its lifespan prolonged in the most cost effective manner possible.

Trained to ICATS and ICorr certifications, all our painters and supervisors are independently assessed to work in all kinds of environments, both on and offshore.

Our vast range of coating and inspection services covers the following:

- Coating, Paint Inspection and Surveys
- Blasting and Painting supervision
- Coatings failure analysis
- Paint analysis and Environmental Testing



Contract Scaffolding

SCA Contract Scaffolding provides specialist access and temporary containment solutions to multiple sectors. Vastly experienced in all forms of scaffolding, SCA are full members of the NASC, and possess a number of certificates and accreditations that hold us in high regard by our customers.

Whether we are working in the time critical Dockyard environment, or playing a key role in a restoration project, we are proud of our dedication to quality, safety, and overall high standards of workmanship, and this has been recognised by a number of clients leading to the award of long term partnering agreements across the UK.

Translating the work ethic and dedication to high standard performance and safety practices instilled in the business by the management of the SCA Group, we have quickly become an innovator in cost effective specialist access / protection scaffolding.

The division is fully committed to exceeding customer expectations through robust health and safety procedures, high staff retention and ever-evolving internal training programs for all management and employees.

The main services provided by the Contract Scaffolding division include:

- Access scaffolding for weather proofing, internal and external building maintenance
- New build projects
- Restoration and refurbishment
- Innovative solutions to scaffold requirements
- Dry dock and wet berth repairs and maintenance
- Full service package from design and supply, right through to inspection



Multi-Discipline

The SCA Group Special Projects division is able to offer a range of services either individually or as a combined Turn Key package. Highly proficient in all areas and with many years' experience on an individual basis, SCA can offer complete contract management catering for a wide range of needs and requirements as well.

All of our employees and management are highly trained, and possess a wealth of knowledge in their respective industries, which is why the SCA Group would be the perfect Multi-Discipline Partner for your next project.

Fixed site management and the organisation of multiple trades is second nature to us, and we have embraced the benefits that a combined package can bring to the client. The benefits of employing a single contractor to carry out multiple services include:

- Enhanced project management
- Cost savings – only one overhead to cover
- Improved co-ordination and planning between trades

The Multi Discipline service capabilities of the SCA Group, include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Scaffolding and access
- Temporary containment
- Rope Access
- Surface Preparation
- Industrial Coatings
- Non-Destructive Testing
- Thermal Insulation
- Facility Maintenance
- Industrial Cleaning
- Rigging and Heavy Lifting

Marine Division

The SCA Group's Marine Division is the country's leading provider of specialist access scaffolding and temporary containment / protection to the demanding Ship Repair and Ship Build Industry. The servicing of this particular sector led to the emergence of SCA in the beginning, and our performance flourished leading us to highly sought-after partnering agreements with BAE Systems and the A&P Ship Repair Group.

SCA has developed and nurtured these relationships and used them as a platform to expand further afield, utilising their skill, expertise and experience in this field in alternative areas and for many more clients. We are now able to offer a true Multi-Discipline package in the Marine sector thanks to our qualified competence in a number of trades.

SCA's service capabilities to the Marine sector for both dry dock and wet berth works are extensive and include the following:

- Specialised contract access scaffolding
- Industrial Rope Access systems
- Large scale containment and temporary weather protection
- Industrial coatings and surface preparation
- Design, supply and inspections



Midland Road Bridge

The SCA Group's experienced Multi-Discipline Site Services team have completed a project to restore the Midland Road Bridge in Bath, which was in need of surface restoration to return the structure to its former glories.



The project involved the provision of the access scaffolding and full containment to the underside and full length of the bridge in two separate phases, with strict time constraints a feature of the contract. Once the access was in place, SCA's coating specialists washed and blasted the steel surfaces to prepare them for the application of the new coat of paint.

All of the bridge's steel surfaces were grit blasted first (which consisted of a full SA2.5 blast of the structure), and the new coating system was applied thereafter, from the primer coat through to the final finish, all as per the strict specification provided by the main contractor.



SCA's experienced project team was selected for these works primarily for their ability to complete the contract under a single source of management, rather than have many individually sourced

trades on site at a single time. This meant that the project was delivered within the strict timeline, and under budget, through efficient programming of our specialised services.





Shepherd's Offshore Crane

SCA's Site Services North Division have assisted in the rejuvenation of the Walker Crane situated at Shepherd's Offshore in Newcastle upon Tyne. This task involved the surface preparation of this huge structure, followed by the large scale re-coating of the steelwork as part of the ongoing maintenance agreement for the 200ft tall crane.

The Crane, owned by Shepherd Offshore, is the largest in the country, and has been servicing the North East since the 1930's. The latest refurbishment project will not only maintain the crane, but additional works have increased the carrying capacity attracting new business to the marine cargo handling facilities at the Technology Park, and also make sure that the area plays an even bigger part in the region's rapidly expanding oil and gas sector.

SCA have been pivotal in providing the necessary skilled technicians, supervision and specialised safety staging to carry out the repairs to multiple zones on the crane's jib. The existing paintwork was required to be fully removed back to the barest form, and the protective coating reapplied to get the framework satisfactorily to a finished and protected condition.

Our highly qualified Rope Access Coating specialists have been exceptionally busy on the structure carrying out the works, whilst at the same time allowing for the ongoing functioning of the crane, thus ensuring that disruption on site was kept to a minimum for the duration of the project.



Exeter Station

SCA Group's Industrial Coatings team have provided the necessary expertise to give Exeter train station a makeover by refurbishing the steel and timber work on site for our client.

To complete the necessary restoration work, SCA were required to prepare and repaint the underside canopies, internal and external canopy fascias, and columns on multiple platforms. All work was carried out to strict coating system specifications for paint and surface preparation, as stipulated by Network Rail requirements.



All coats of specified paint were applied to the riveted steel panels under controlled atmospheric conditions to ensure the covering was applied in line with the manufacturer's guidelines, and to the satisfaction of the main contractor, and Network Rail legislation.

To allow the coating to be successfully applied, the steelwork was mechanically prepared to achieve a standard of cleanliness in conjunction with ISO requirements, and to guarantee the paintwork for the agreed period of warranty. This involved the full removal of the loose and flaky existing coat to a firm sound edge, a thorough clean and degrease, and a complete eradication of any contaminants prior to re-application.

To complete the maintenance of the station, SCA were also contracted to prepare and line the valley gutters using a specialist paint approved by Network Rail. The work involved cleaning out the gutters, carrying out hand preparation and abrading followed by the application of a high build coating finish. To access the platform roof, a combination of mobile towers, valley walkers and a specially designed system of roof walk boards were used ensuring the station looked as good as new on completion.

Commercial Repairs

SCA Site Services North and South have been carrying out repairs to Communication Masts in various locations using highly skilled IRATA technicians.

SCA's experienced Site Services management team have been working closely with clients to devise a safe access system for the repair and refurbishment of Communication Masts and similar constructions across the UK.

Masts such as the one pictured perform vital roles in many environments, such as the rail industry. The tasks performed in providing vital communication networks by such structures mean that their efficient working and virtual absence of non-performance periods are hugely important, and SCA have fulfilled a vital role in their maintenance.



SCA deployed IRATA trained Rope Access technicians to provide a safe means to access redundant wiring and other components on these masts, and remove them from height without endangering the surrounding areas. Equipment was stripped and safely lowered to ground level in preparation for repairs and protective coating application.

Once the masts had been stripped of unwanted materials, SCA's multi-disciplined team prepared the surface and applied a suitable protective coating which will prolong the life of the structure, and maintain service to the required industry.

SCA have received multiple commendations for completing the work to the highest safety standards, whilst achieving time and price constraints simultaneously.

Harwell Power Plant

SCA's Scaffolding division has been working closely with our client as part of the Decommissioning Project at the Harwell Power Plant site in Oxfordshire.



The Harwell Atomic Energy Research Establishment was built in 1946 and was the first of its kind in Britain at the time. The site hosts five research reactors of varying types, along with plutonium handling facilities, radioactive laboratories, nuclear waste treatment and storage facilities. But the nuclear site is now well in to a huge decommissioning project, and SCA's scaffolding team have been called upon to provide the specialist access and containment to allow the safe disposal of radioactive materials.

To allow access to the fuel rods encased by a protective Guniting wall, SCA designed the scaffold structure specifically to cope with huge loadings of both decommissioned materials and demolition plant brought in specifically to break the protective wall. Every level of scaffolding was covered in plywood as specified by the client, and the high level of containment demanded by the nature of the project was provided by SCA ProTect's heat shrink sheeting. The end result was a multi-layered, bespoke design scaffold giving access to all areas of the reactors, and a superior level of containment to cope with the level of contamination on site.



The controlled removal of the demolished nuclear materials will continue for a number of years, with SCA's scaffold structure required for the best part of a decade, another factor that had to be considered when designing the structure.

Hayle Viaduct

SCA have been working on a contract to provide Network Rail specified coatings to multiple spans at the Hayle Viaduct, in order to strengthen the ageing infrastructure. The Hayle Viaduct is situated in the small, picturesque town of Hayle, north-east of Penzance, in Western Cornwall.

The planned program at the 129 year old viaduct, was scheduled for a period of only 16 days and involved day and night shifts to meet the ambitious deadline. The work was required to replace the life expired deck timbers (750 in total), in order to prevent future delays should the expired system show signs of failing.

Once the timbers had been removed from their fixed position, SCA's involvement was to carry out repairs to the steelwork, removing paint and corrosion and then re-coating the surfaces in line with stringent Network Rail requirements.

The scope of works to regenerate the infrastructure of this stretch of railway line extended across 37 spans of the viaduct, and SCA mobilised a fourteen-man team to make sure that work was complete on time and within budget.

The entire project finished within the agreed timescale and the main contractor was praised for everyone's efforts in minimising the disruption to the railway.



Rope Access Services

SCA's Rope Access division carry out multiple services in many different environments from structural surveying and non-destructive testing (NDT) to confined spaces, concrete repairs and cladding replacement to name a few.

On top of all this, SCA has been working closely with Network Rail to maintain railway lines and stations up and down the country, utilising their skills and professional approach to carry out de-vegetation and landscaping activities in very different circumstances.

Our Rope Access technicians positioned throughout the UK are providing a unique solution to maintaining and servicing Britain's railway lines, stations and verges. SCA's skilled employees are carrying out various de-vegetation works along the rail network in order to keep our stations and tracks free from overgrowing trees, weeds and bushes, and to satisfy the requirements of Network Rail to keep the stations and lines in neat and tidy order.

Working for a number of clients, SCA's service provision in this particular field includes the removal of vegetation, tree cutting and felling, wood chipping, landscaping, re-pointing, blockwork repairs, weeding, Geotechnical works (drilling, embankment protection and stabilisation), and many other methods of maintaining the greenery and rail structures in and around the railway stations stretching across the country.

Given SCA's Rope Access capabilities provided by our experienced and highly qualified management and supervision, all of the above works take place in hard to reach areas such as the sides of bridges or steep viaducts and verges, and can take place during possessions, night shifts or normal working patterns.

All Rope Access services are carried out to the highest standards of safety and quality, and, of course, in line with Network Rail working conditions as dictated by SCA's Link-Up status.



Accreditations

The SCA Group hold various memberships, accreditations and qualifications. All of these certificates ensure that when employing the services of SCA, we operate to the highest industry standards, with health and safety always at the forefront of our operations.



SCA have been accredited with the ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 (UKAS Registered) qualification. This seal of approval enhances all our policies and procedures for Safety, Health, Environment and Quality, and helps us regularly review and monitor all areas of our business resulting in a continual improvement in systems and work practices.



The 18001 accreditation sets out the requirements for occupational health and safety management and best practice. SCA has achieved this status ensuring maximum returns for our employees and clients alike. 18001 certification ensures that our organisation identifies and controls all health and safety risks, thus reducing the potential for accidents, and stamps out hazardous activities.



The SCA Group has completed the Network Rail Quality and Safety Audit Scheme which confirms the ability of our business to operate as a sub-contractor to the UK Rail infrastructure.



SCA have achieved the Worksafe Contractor Certificate in recognition of our Health & Safety documentation being checked by Safety Management Advisory Services Limited (SMAS).

Memberships

The SCA Group are full members of a number of organisations which demonstrates the level of professionalism in all our activities and our dedication to providing a service of high quality without compromise.

As a full member of the NASC (National Association of Scaffolding Contractors), SCA has, and continues to be audited, to confirm that all systems comply to NASC regulations, and that ongoing work practices and standards are of the highest level.



The HSE continues to support and work with the NASC in the development of best industry practice for scaffolding



SCA's Rope Access activities are governed by our membership to IRATA (Industrial Rope Access Trade Association). Our Rope Access teams always work to strict IRATA guidelines and as such employ the appropriately qualified technicians and supervisors.

The SCA Group are Company Members of the Industrial Coating Applicator Training Scheme (ICATS) which gives our company the right to train and register Coating Applicator Operatives under this scheme. All of our technicians are trained to ICATS specification which ensures the highest quality workmanship for your asset, building or structure.



Who we are

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