



Thames Water, Morrison Utility Services and JD7 win a Pipeline Industries Guild award

Accolade presented for Innovation in Utility Pipeline technology

Morrison Utility Services has been awarded the 2013 Pipeline Industries Guild Award for Innovation in Utility Pipeline Technology, along with its client, Thames Water, and technology provider, JD7.

The award was presented in recognition of an innovative project that saw Thames Water and Morrison Utility Services implement the new generation JD7 Pipescan+ survey tool to provide detailed structural condition assessment of small diameter water mains for future pipe rehabilitation programmes.

Using rotating, ultrasonic transducers, JD7 Pipescan+ provides 360-degree scanning at pre-determined intervals to locate leakage with pinpoint accuracy and increase the 'hit' rate for effective detection and repair.

Adam Gosnold, Executive Director, Morrison Utility Services, commented: "We are delighted, as the main contractors, to share this prestigious accolade with our client, Thames Water, and the technology provider, JD7. As always, our aim is to introduce innovative and effective new solutions that will enable best practice to flourish and deliver significant benefits to our clients and to our business. This project demonstrates an innovative approach that will enable informed and accurate decision making when allocating capital expenditure for pipe replacement and rehabilitation programmes."

Robin Clarke, Asset Strategy Consultant, Thames Water, added: "Pipescan+ enables the optimisation of pipe replacement programmes by providing comprehensive and previously unobtainable data to determine the condition of distribution water pipes. This data enables pipe condition and pipe life expectancy to be assessed, as well as profiling the geometry and features of both internal and external surfaces. This project was a team effort from the development of the asset strategy through to project development and implementation by Morrison Utility Services."

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