



**EVENING MEETING**

**MONDAY 17th May 2010 at 6:00 PM**

One Great George Street, London

(Nearest tube: Westminster)

**Queens Valley Reservoir – a Contractor's  
reflections on a very troubled project.**

Presentation by:

**Steve Miller (Black & Veatch)**

For further details see overleaf

**Admission Free**

**Teas Available from 5.30pm**

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## **Queens Valley Reservoir – a Contractor's reflections on a very troubled project.**

By the late 1980's the proposed construction of any new large dam in the UK had become politically very difficult. This was also the case in Jersey where permission to construct Queens Valley reservoir had been hard fought over many years despite a water supply situation on the Island that was becoming increasingly precarious.

When construction eventually did get underway in 1989, the problems for client Jersey New Waterworks Company were far from over as, in November 1990, with construction about 40% complete, Main Contractor Shepherd Hill went into administration.

M J Gleeson was invited to step in to complete the project and Steve Miller was shipped out to the Island at short notice to act as Project Manager for the remaining works. The talk focuses on Steve's recollections of the unusual situation that he walked into and the challenges of taking over a half completed project, de-motivated workforce and a very anxious client.