

# Builders' consideration gives them awards double

IT'S been a good month for a building company which has been recognised in two prestigious schemes.

Bedford-based SDC received a bronze award from the Considerate Constructors Scheme for its work on a major warehouse development near Birmingham on a site which was extremely contaminated with chemical compounds from crude oil.

Before building could start SDC came up with a solution involving remedial works which allowed treated materials to be reused winning the company the national award.

The Considerate Constructors Scheme was established in 1997 by the construction industry in which registered sites are monitored by experienced industry professionals to assess their performances against a code of considerate practice.

At the same time the compa-

ny has also been presented with the Innovation Competition Runner-up Award from the Chartered Institute of Building for its Employee Benefit Trust (EBT).

The Trust was set up during 2003 when principal SDC shareholders advised the board of directors that they wanted to retire in 2007.

The solution, to safeguard the business and its employees, was the establishment of the Employee Benefit Trust which is good for everyone at SDC as benefits coming from the success of the business are shared.

Welcoming the award, commercial director Rob Ebsworth said: "We are believed to be the only UK construction company to operate under the umbrella of an EBT which as the way forward for SDC has been a resounding success viewed positively by our clients."