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#### RAISING PROFILES THROUGH SKILLS INVESTMENT

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The Water Jetting Association's partnership with CITE-ConstructionSkills' National Specialist Accredited Centre (NSAC) has cleared the way for its members to achieve nationally recognised qualifications.

With the Association recommending NSAC to carry out water jetting assessments, the centre has welcomed eight learners from CIS (Northern) Limited to work towards the level 2 Water Jetting NVQ – QUA624. The employer has also registered four supervisors for the Level 3 Diploma In Occupational Work Supervision.



A highly specialist activity, water jetting can be used to clean drains, sewers, tubes, pipes and heat exchangers; remove paint, epoxy resins, fire proofing, rust and corrosion from surfaces; and out through metal plates, pipes, tanks and other structures.

"I am delighted that the National Specialist Accredited Centre is assisting the Water Jetting Association to qualify their membership's workforce. I know that the association takes training very seriously and is keen to promote qualifications and the up-skilling of the workforce in this specialist industry," National Specialist Team account coordinator Gerald Kelly explains.

Regional director of CIS (Northern) Limited, Mike Lee, recognises the benefits of having a qualified workforce: "Our people are our greatest asset, and we see the NVQ programme as a way of improving their skills, cementing working relationships and enhancing our image as a market leader in the service industry. Introducing the NVQ to our blue chip customers has already raised the professional profile of CIS (Northern) Ltd."

Such commitment to professional development has impressed NSAC staff. "It is great to see such a keen desire in the Industrial North East for operatives to gain a national qualification," specialist assessor and verifier Mark Priestman says. "We are extremely pleased to have the backing of such a respected organisation as the Water Jetting Association."