

## PRESS RELEASE

### ASUCplus SUPPORTS THE NSCC 'NO RETENTIONS' POLICY

As a member of the NSCC (National Specialists Contractors Council) ASUCplus is backing its newly launched 'No Retentions' initiative.

The Policy aims to eliminate cash retentions particularly by increasing the recognition that using a specialist contractor, who is a member of an independent trade association, provides a better guarantee of quality than a cash retention.

ASUCplus has represented the leading companies in the underpinning industry for nearly 20 years and their clients can be sure they are engaging contractors with the appropriate expertise to deal with their projects; those with a proven track record and fully trained operatives, who can provide the best service at an economic (and realistic) price, who can meet the requirements of CDM regulations and, most importantly, can offer a 12 year insurance backed guarantee on the works carried out under contract.

The 'No Retentions' policy ([www.no-retention.co.uk](http://www.no-retention.co.uk)) is supported at the highest level with a House of Commons Trade and Industry Committee report stating that 'given the doubtful benefits and the clear disadvantages of retentions, it would obviously be in everyone's interest for such an inefficient – and frequently harmful – practice to disappear.'

The NSCC's Fair Payment Campaign has shown that the collective strength of NSCC's 7,000 members working together can make a difference. They are determined to follow that success by demonstrating there are other ways of ensuring a project is successful without resorting to the outdated practice of cash retentions - which has been around for more than 100 years.

Further information on the NSCC No Retention Policy can be found at [www.no-retention.co.uk](http://www.no-retention.co.uk).

For further information on ASUCplus, a list of members and details of the services available go to [www.asuc.org.uk](http://www.asuc.org.uk) or call 01420 471613

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Notes to editors:

ASUCplus is the only association representing specialist contractors in subsidence repair techniques and engineered foundation solutions. The latent defects insurance can cover all the works carried out under contract at a property - not just the subsidence repair. Members of ASUCplus offer an extended range of foundation solutions, including new build, basements and other forms of subsidence repairs.

Members of ASUCplus are subject to annual health and safety reviews, are audited for technical expertise by an independent assessor, are monitored for financial probity and all share the common goals of setting the benchmark for standards within the industry, to lead in providing innovative solutions and maintain skills levels through education and training.

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