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Lincoln Consultancies Merge to form Globe Consultants Limited

Lichfield Planning's Lincoln team will join with Economic Development consultancy, Globe Regeneration Limited when the two Lincoln-based firms merge in April 2010 under the new name **Globe Consultants Limited**.

Globe Consultant's board will be made up of Globe Regeneration's Managing Director Russell Wallis and Lichfield's two Lincoln-based Partners Steve Kemp and Phil Scrafton. The new board will build on the strong foundations each business has established in recent years and the new structure will include a shareholding staff trust in recognition of the key role played by all the team members bringing both businesses to this point.

The company's new name, **Globe Consultants Limited**, reflects the broader offer of the enlarged business, combining substantial planning and design capability with expertise and experience in economic and community development, research and regeneration.

For Globe this is a second phase of development following on from the changes to the company's ownership and board in November 2009. Lichfield Planning has operated its UK and international town planning consultancy from two offices – Lincoln and London – since 1999 and the whole Lincoln team will now be moving forward independently within **Globe Consultants**.

A spokesman for **Globe Consultants** said *"there are very exciting opportunities created by this change; Globe Regeneration and the Lincoln office of Lichfield have been working closely together since shortly after Russell Wallis took over as Globe's MD in 2009, and a more formal relationship was an obvious next step. The two teams are highly complementary and have already shown that*

they can work together seamlessly. Combining the extensive planning knowledge and experience of the Lichfield team with the economic development, policy, and research capability of Globe creates a very powerful offer to both private and public sector clients across the UK.”

Steve Kemp explained that changes in Lichfield Planning had allowed each office to make the most of its own individual strengths and aspirations, whilst continuing to promote the shared ethos of their much-respected founding partner, Nathaniel Lichfield, who died last year having made a huge contribution to the planning profession globally. *“We are grateful for the continuing support from London as the Lincoln office developed, but we now feel it is time to move on independently”,* Steve said: *“**Globe Consultants** and Lichfield Planning London will continue to cooperate and work together where that makes sense for all of us and we’ll also be working together on international work through our new joint company, ‘SIP International Ltd’ ”.*

Russell Wallis said *“Globe Regeneration’s prime business objective for 2010/11 was to diversify and develop its portfolio. We had already shown ourselves capable of building a strong national client base and weathering both external and internal change. We are coming together with Lichfield Planning Lincoln with a high degree of confidence in our businesses and their experienced, talented and energetic team. I’m really looking forward to this stage in our development, working with new co-directors and a very strong team”.*

Director Phil Scrafton added: *“The Lichfield team has a very strong local and regional portfolio of private sector clients plus international business. Globe Regeneration has a predominately public sector portfolio of clients, projects and research across England and Wales plus a portfolio of private clients in the south east. Joining together as **Globe Consultants** will allow us to offer a stronger service to our core client base whilst developing and strengthening our combined offer elsewhere. Both teams are excited by the opportunities that **Globe Consultants** creates and are looking forward to exploring new areas of work”.*

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Note for editors: A picture of the **Globe Consultants** team is available on request