

PRESS RELEASE

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**EXPERIENCED LAND AGENT FROM THE FORESTRY COMMISSION AND
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE JOINS ACORUS**

Iain Skinner joined Acorus Rural Property Services, Leeds on 30th April, 2007. Due to the company's geographical expansion, Acorus North developed a need for a Business Manager and Rural Property Consultant to assist with business growth.

Iain is a qualified Chartered Surveyor and has immense experience in rural and urban estate management. He has worked as Land Agent for the 2 largest landowners in the UK; the Forestry Commission and Ministry of Defence. His management and negotiation skills have been successfully tested when faced with some unusual cases including agreeing compensation for a farmer who found that his land was contaminated by First World War munitions and the valuation of an airfield.

Not all of Iain's experience has been military related. He has acted for water companies laying pipelines across farmland and early on his career, Iain managed a polo yard for the Captain of the Royal Navy Polo team schooling polo ponies to tournament level.

Mick Robson, Technical Director for Acorus is delighted to have Iain join the team saying 'I am thrilled that Iain has agreed to work with us. We are very much looking forward to growing the business in the North and with Iain's support and knowhow, we can realise our plans'. Mick added that he will be predominantly based in Northallerton and Anthony Atkinson, Senior Planning Consultant, in Lancaster. They will continue to provide professional advice for their existing clients and new cases where their expertise is most appropriate.

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Photo of Iain Skinner attached

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