

Scottish Road Network Landslide Study Seminar

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Douglas Cumming, a senior geotechnical engineer in Scotland TranServ's Perth office, was asked to give a presentation at the Scottish Road Network Landslide Study seminar organised by Transport Scotland on 24 March, 2009. This was to highlight the development of landslides management plan and mitigation strategy for the Scottish trunk road network. The invited audience comprised a wide range of representatives from the transportation, geotechnical and environmental sectors within national and local authorities,



consultants, contractors, universities and statutory bodies throughout the United Kingdom. His presentation outlined Scotland TranServ's contractual requirement for quarterly monitoring of the hillside above and below a section of the A83 trunk road between Arrochar and Inveraray, known locally as "The Rest-and-be-Thankful". It illustrated the four debris flow failures, which have occurred over the past eighteen months, and the changing requirements of a hillside monitoring system to cope with the dynamics of an ever changing hillside, ending with examples of the processed data obtained from the latest development in remote laser scanning recently trialled on site.

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