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James's passion for forestry is fed by an appreciation of the long-term impact this sustainable asset has on society.

As a primary industry, forestry has a real commercial value as a raw material essential to so many different sectors and James's role is to maximise this asset to the benefit of his clients. In doing so, he is delivering financial and environmental value.

Having spent several years working in the Canadian forestry industry, James is no stranger to large-scale projects and takes an holistic approach to woodland management rather than individual operations. This rounded view of the industry is invaluable to his clients.

He also has an interest in the financial aspect of forestry, creating cash flow projections for clients to enable sound, long-term investments to be made. James is working with some of our biggest clients to deliver integrated forestry and renewable energy projects.

As well as managing established commercial forestry plantations, he is involved with woodland creation projects, balancing the interests of the investor with the needs of the public and other stakeholders to deliver well-conceived schemes across Scotland.

Key relevant project experience

ESN(F) - Cumberhead Wind Farm

We have represented our client for more than 35 years, focussing on strategic forestry management and diversification into sound investment opportunities including renewable energy. As proactive and early adopters of windfarms, so the Cumberhead development was very much in line with their ambitions.

ESN(F) – Investment Portfolio of Forestry and Renewable Energy

ESN(F) has a high-quality, high-performing portfolio which it continues to augment with acquisitions. We provide the strategic forestry expertise to support this expansion, oversee the delivery of management and deal with leases, shooting rights, mineral extraction, access and the marketing of timber.

Jahama Kinlochleven

The aim of the project was to protect existing woodland and create extensive native forest whilst enhancing biodiversity. Utilising our estate management and woodland creation expertise, we devised an expansion strategy of 150,000 trees, took the scheme through the approvals process, liaised with stakeholders and statutory bodies and managed the delivery.