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Silverstone Holdings turned over £38,226,000 in 2008 and made an operating profit of £662,000. Managing Director Richard Phillips said: "We have made substantial progress in diversifying the business into a successful multi-purpose venue and are now delivering consistently good financial results."

Wembley made a pre-tax operational profit of £5.9 million in 2008 (£21.4 million loss in 2007). It paid out £26.2 million in interest on its £326 million bank loans. Wembley National Stadium Limited's long-term business plan is to break even, including interest payments, within the next five years. The operating profit was helped by slashing running costs by £10 million, down from £66.8 million in 2007 to £57 million. Turnover was £89.7 million, earned from 2.5 million visitors.

A joint venture between Rushmans and Controlled Solutions Group, Rushmans CSG, will focus on raising the bar on the planning, training for and delivery of safety and security at sports events worldwide. Mike Halligan, CEO of Controlled Solutions Group said: "Rushmans CSG aims to help raise the bar on safety awareness and implementation enabling more nations, cities and individual venues to confidently bid for and stage world class events."

Abu Dhabi plans to build a 65,000 retractable roof stadium. Developer Mubadala has invited tenders to manage construction.

KSS aims for atmosphere at Spurs

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Tottenham Hotspur Football Club has submitted a planning application to London Borough of Haringey for the Northumberland Development Project which includes KSS' design proposals for a 56,000 capacity stadium. David Keirle, KSS Project Director, said: "Throughout the whole design process we have continued to refine the designs to maximise stadium atmosphere, including a reduction in the space allocated to corporate areas in order to deliver the new single tier stand."

Stewarding from the centre

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More strenuous training and licensing requirements mean that the private security industry plays an increasingly important role in policing public events, writes **Steve Frosdick**. Centre Circle Event Management is a good example of this trend. John Little, Gary Newman and Martin Rowden have over 90 years combined experience as safety officers and chief stewards at Charlton Athletic and Millwall Football Clubs in South London. To coincide with the opening of the new Wembley Stadium, the trio got together to form Centre Circle in 2005.

From small beginnings at Wembley, Charlton and Chelsea, the company has at least doubled

its turnover each year of operation.

A typical Saturday now sees between 400 and 750 Centre Circle staff deployed as football safety or security stewards at several clubs in Southern England. Centre Circle can provide a turnkey event management service and recently looked after the safety and security of over 70,000 people at the two-day Dartford Music Festival. The company also supplies the taxi marshals for Dartford's innovative late night 'Grabbacab' scheme.

"We are striving to be the best supplier of event stewards in London and the South-East", explains Gary Newman. "All our staff are fully trained and our



security staff are properly licensed. Our hallmark is quality and we particularly want to get involved with prestige venues like Wembley and events such as London 2012. We are already delivering the 'Personal Best' qualification for Olympics volunteers, some of whom we hope will go on to become qualified stewards".