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A Good Year so far for Steve Collings; Shortlisted at the British Accountancy Awards and Writing for Dummies Series

Steve Collings, Technical Director at Sale accountancy practice Leavitt Walmsley Associates Ltd, has been shortlisted as Accounting Technician of the Year at the inaugural British Accountancy Awards, to take place on 30th November 2011.

The news comes just weeks after he accepted a deal to write *International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) For Dummies* to be published by John Wiley & Sons, one of the world's largest publishers. This will be Collings' fourth book following the success of titles published since 2009 including most recently *The Interpretation and Application of International Standards on Auditing* published in March this year also by Wiley.

Steve comments "*I feel very proud that the knowledge and passion I have developed over the years for achieving high standards of accounting is finally being recognised. It's an honour to be involved with some of the industry's leading accounting representatives at the new British Accountancy Awards as well as to be part of the world famous For Dummies series.*" The high standards and commitment to clients that Collings refers to was also recently rewarded by The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) who awarded the firm with the Quality Checked mark – an achievement held by only a handful of UK firms.

Claire Ruston, *For Dummies* Commissioning Editor adds "*We are delighted to have Steve on board our For Dummies series. His reputation and expertise in accounting and auditing and his ability to explain ideas in plain English, is an asset to our books in this area.*"

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accounting authorities to assist in technical compliance issues through advice, lecturing and writing.

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Notes to editors:

- Leavitt Walmsley Associates Ltd (LWA) is an independent firm of Chartered Certified Accountants based in South Manchester, headed up by directors Les Leavitt and Steve Collings. The firm has a proactive and forward thinking approach to providing a range of business solutions to a national client base including Audit, Business Support, Company Secretarial, Corporate Taxation, Networked Services, Payroll, Personal Taxation, and VAT.
- LWA were recently awarded the Quality Checked mark by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, an achievement held by only a handful of UK firms.
- Over the past ten years, Steve Collings has become a leading figure in the accountancy and legal professions, regularly consulted by practitioners and authorities to assist in technical compliance issues through advice and lecturing. He appears on many international accounting blogs and websites, and has recently published his latest book, *The Interpretation and Application of International Standards on Auditing*, as well as working on two further titles enabling others to share his knowledge.

