



WORK STRESS RISES AS ECONOMY SUFFERS

Two-thirds of managers surveyed for Roffey Park's *Management Agenda 2009* say they are under more pressure at work because of the economic climate, up from just over half two months earlier.

The institute's researchers surveyed 850 managers in September 2008 and another 200 in the follow-up survey in November.

And the economic conditions are more likely to affect senior rather than junior managers: 61 per cent of seniors said they were under more pressure, compared to 58 per cent of middle managers and 47 per cent of juniors.

This is no great surprise, the report stated. "What is perhaps interesting is that role level was also related to changes in respondents' self-assessed job security and general levels of optimism... the findings suggest that the October crisis hit the optimism of senior managers to a greater extent than junior managers."

Meanwhile, it seems Gordon Brown is not the only leader to be viewed in a more positive light as a result of the financial crisis: 76 per cent of respondents rated the leadership of their organisation positively when asked in November, compared with 68 per cent in the original survey.