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One of the tallest Warehouses in the UK nears completion

With a ridge height of almost 42.5m – Kimberly Clark's new 160,000 sq ft distribution centre in Northfleet, Kent, is set to be one of the UK's tallest warehouse structures. The steelwork and top-out was completed in the late summer and the building is on schedule for completion at the end of April 2006.

Atlas Ward Structures, based in North Yorkshire has designed, fabricated and erected 1,200 tonnes of structural steelwork for the warehouse, on behalf of main contractor Bowmer & Kirkland. Atlas Ward has worked with Bowmer and Kirkland on numerous occasions and forms an integral part of the company's supply chain.

The North Yorkshire based fabricator secured the project on the basis of rapid on-site programme.

The facility will hold up to 30,000 three metre high pallets in the high bay automated warehouse, with low bay storage in a 12m high zone. Access will be provided by eight level access doors and three dock doors.

Distribution property specialist sbh.uk is project managing the work to replace the previous warehouse which was destroyed by fire. The overall project value is £9.26m.

The distribution facility is located close to the A2 which links to the M25, providing excellent communications for the logistics industry.

Editor's Notes:

About Atlas Ward Structures






Atlas Ward Structures Limited are one of the largest Structural Steel Fabricators in the UK. They design, fabricate and erect structural steel framed buildings in the Industrial, Commercial, Education, Residential and Health sectors.

Atlas Ward Structures Limited operates UK wide and is a subsidiary of Severfield-Rowen Plc – it's parent company, with a turnover of over £200 million.

Severfield-Rowen Plc acquired Atlas Ward Structures Limited on 1 April 2005.

About Severfield-Rowen Plc

Severfield-Rowen Plc is the market leader in structural steel, and consists of the following major Group Companies:

-  Severfield-Reeve Structures, Dalton, North Yorkshire
-  Watson Steel Structures, Bolton, Lancashire
-  Rowen Structures, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottingham
-  Atlas Ward Structures, Sherburn, North Yorkshire
-  Steelcraft Erection Services based at Dalton, North Yorkshire

The combined resources of the Group of Companies have the design, engineering skills and experience to handle complex projects over a diverse range of sectors.

The Companies can facilitate the production of a wide range of steelwork packages, including projects requiring high added value engineering content.

Proven Group Strengths:

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|  Performance and Value |  Multi-Sector Presence |
|  Project Completion Track Record |  Fabsec® Beams/Firebeam® |
|  Capability and Flexibility |  Plate Girders |
|  Design Engineering |  Stairs and Feature Steelwork |
|  Customer Focus |  Sections |
|  Health & Safety Record |  Tubular Constructions |
|  Financial Strength |  Intumescent Coating |

Recently:

On the 3rd February 2006, Severfield-Rowen plc and Murray Metals Group ('MMG'), one of the UK's largest structural steel and specialist metal suppliers, announce the creation of a new joint venture company – Steel UK Ltd ('Steel UK').

The formation of Steel UK is a key strategic development for its founding members and results from the ongoing consolidation of the steel industry. Steel UK, which will be jointly directed by senior executives of Severfield-Rowen and MMG, is an amalgamation of end-user and distributor and, as such, will have a major synergy potential.

The two companies will remain independent and separate in their core operating fields of Constructional Steelwork Contracting and Steel Stockholding.

About Bowmer & Kirkland

Bowmer and Kirkland, one of the UK's most successful construction groups, is composed of a number of flourishing, complementary companies, each offering specialist services.

Working with some of the UK's best-known corporations and logistics businesses, B&K has established an outstanding reputation for the design and construction of distribution centres.

About sbh.uk

sbh.uk's role and involvement depends on the procurement routes selected to acquire the land and to manage construction.

Principle activities include:

- Site search and identification in the target area, based on performance and specification
- Full analysis of each site against the criteria set, reviewing benefits and constraints
- Review of financial and funding requirements to provide the most appropriate solution to meet the needs of the client's capital and revenue budgets
- Negotiating the most favourable freehold/leasehold terms and structuring development finance if required
- Development of a detailed building design
- Preparation of key performance requirements and detailed specifications
- Selection, appointment and management of sub-contractors and other suppliers
- Management, monitoring and supervision of the entire construction process
- Project completion and delivery to schedule, on budget and to the agreed standard and specification

About Kimberly-Clark

Kimberly-Clark and its well-known global brands are an indispensable part of life for people in more than 150 countries. Every day, 1.3 billion people - nearly a quarter of the world's population - trust K-C brands and the solutions they provide to enhance their health, hygiene and well-being. With brands such as Kleenex, Scott, Huggies, Pull-Ups, Kotex and Depend, Kimberly-Clark holds No. 1 or No. 2 share positions in more than 80 countries. To keep up with the latest K-C news and to learn more about the company's 134-year history of innovation, visit www.kimberly-clark.com.

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