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Atlas Ward helps with Fresh Produce

Atlas Ward has recently commenced work on the famous Western International Market in London, one of the country's leading wholesale, fruit, vegetable and flower markets and second only to Spitalfields in turnover. The project was awarded to them by Main Contractor Bowmer & Kirkland on behalf of Kier Property Developments Limited acting as development partner with the London Borough of Hounslow.

Atlas Ward Structures are undertaking the design, fabrication and erection of this flagship project. The development consists of over 800 tonnes of structural steelwork and measures in excess of 215,000 sq ft.

The market is located close to London Heathrow Airport, off the A312, just north of junction 3 of the M4. It turns over £300m pa through its 80 traders and supplies a wide range of fresh produce to wholesale trade customers including hotels, restaurants, grocers and greengrocers, florists, schools, hospitals and prisons.

Working alongside the London Borough of Hounslow, Kier Property will deliver new state-of-the-art facilities to replace the obsolete existing premises.

The major regeneration will include a new produce hall of 136,000sq ft and flower hall of 38,000sq ft with associated maintenance and entry buildings.

Nigel Turner, Commercial Director at Kier Property, said: "We are extremely excited to be playing a role with the London Borough of Hounslow to deliver what will be one of the most prominent and modern wholesale markets in Europe."

The scheme, which will protect the future of over 1000 jobs, will give the 70s-built market a major boost, enabling it to continue to meet EU food hygiene regulations and raising its status to one of the most modern in Europe.

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 Limited

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 Kier Property Developments Limited

As the commercial property arm of the Kier Group, Kier Property has established itself as one of the UK's leading developers.

In just four years, it has built up a portfolio totalling over 6m sq ft of offices, industrial, retail and mixed-use schemes, worth over £700m.

This growth has been achieved through strategic single asset acquisitions as well as key corporate transactions, including the acquisition of Laing Property Developments in 2002, J Sainsbury's development portfolio in 2004 and a nationwide portfolio of nine development sites from Warner Estates in 2005.

Its impressive track record for delivering major schemes includes around 1m sq ft of prelet office developments for occupiers including the New United Kingdom Supreme Court, Ordnance Survey, BAe and National Trust.

Their developments have also included over 1m sq ft of prelet/presold industrial schemes under the highly successful Trade City brand.

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