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Atlas Ward helps Tesco with its first purpose-built import centre in the UK

Atlas Ward is currently working on a new project to build a 1.0m sq ft import storage facility in Teesport. The contract was awarded by main contractor Bowmer & Kirkland on behalf of UK retail giant Tesco.

Atlas Ward is responsible for the design, fabrication and erection of nearly 4220 tonnes of structural steelwork for this project, which consists of a single warehouse with a high & low bay section. There are also a number of ancillary pods to the low bay including goods in/out pod, MHE (a Mechanical Handling Equipment maintenance workshop) pod, battery charge pod, stair enclosures and a separate VMU (Vehicle Maintenance Unit) building.

The facility will be built on brownfield land beside the future Northern Gateway Container Terminal, and is being developed in response to the growth of Tesco's non-food business.

The facility will create hundreds of new jobs for the region and is due for completion early 2010.

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 – its parent company, with a turnover of over £300 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
- § Fisher Engineering located in Northern Ireland

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® |
| § Capability and Flexibility | § Beams/Firebeam® |
| § Design Engineering | § Plate Girders |
| | § Stairs and Feature Steelwork |
| § Customer Focus | § Sections |
| § Health & Safety Record | § Tubular Constructions |
| § Financial Strength | § Intumescent Coating |



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 Tesco

Tesco's core UK business is significant within the group, with over 250,000 employees and 1,779 stores. Nearly 80% of group sales and profits come from the UK business.

Growth in the UK business comes from new space, extensions to existing stores and a multi-format approach.

Sales of non-food, which are growing at around twice the rate of food, also contribute to the overall growth picture.

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