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## Atlas Ward to build largest bonded warehouse in Europe

Atlas Ward has recently started work on the largest bonded warehouse in Europe alongside a world-class bottling plant. The project is based in Avonmouth and was awarded to them by main contractor Fitzpatrick Contractors on behalf of developer Goodman. The Ultimate Client is Constellation Europe one of the largest drinks companies in Europe and is part of Constellation Brands Inc the largest wine company in the world and a leading producer and exporter of wine from the USA, Australia and New Zealand.

Atlas Ward is responsible for the design, fabrication and erection of in excess of 2860 tonnes of structural steelwork.

The project consists of a large warehouse and production centre together with associated offices and ancillary buildings in Avonmouth, Bristol. The warehouse measures approximately 527,431 sq ft and the Production Centre measures 285,243 sq ft. In total the project measures approximately 870,000 sq ft.

The new facility will be near the existing distribution centre in Avonmouth, and represent the Constellation Europe's biggest investment in premises to date.

New Constellation Europe president Troy Christensen said: "It will deliver for us greater efficiency and expanded capacity to grow our business."

The distribution and bottling plant will cover 870,000 sq ft, increasing warehousing capacity by 80,000 pallets – or approximately 53 million bottles of wine. It will be able to fill around 120 million bottles of wine every year.

Christensen said: “It is important to use to further improve the resources available to our people, further improve our service and efficiency to customers and suppliers and also improve the impact we have on the environment and the communities where we operate.

“As a business, Constellation, in the UK and worldwide, has a track record of creating world-class facilities. With what we have announced, we will further enhance that reputation. This investment will help transform and grow our business in the UK and Europe.”

The aim of the development is to cut shipping and reduce the mountain of imported green glass produced by British wine drinkers.

Instead the wine will be brought in large containers and bottled in Avonmouth before going on to be sold.

The environmental group, Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) said the UK was the largest importer of wine in the world, with more than a billion litres imported from Europe and the New World.

“Bulk importation can reduce shipping costs by up to 40% and benefit the environment by using less fuel for transporting full bottles,” a spokesman said.

The distribution and bottling plant will create up to 100 new jobs and should be operational in early 2009, while the new offices should open later the same year.

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 £290 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                |
| ▪ Customer Focus                  | ▪ Stairs and Feature Steelwork |
| ▪ Health & Safety Record          | ▪ Sections                     |
| ▪ Financial Strength              | ▪ Tubular Constructions        |
|                                   | ▪ Intumescent Coating          |

## About Fitzpatrick Contractors

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2004, the board of Management at VolkerWessels announced the acquisition of the British civil engineering and building company Fitzpatrick plc. The company has an 809-strong workforce and a predicted turnover in excess of £290 million for 2006.

From its head office in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, Fitzpatrick, undertakes highway maintenance, civil engineering, commercial building, rail and facility management contracts mainly focusing on works in the South of England and London. The Company started-out as the family owned/run Fitzpatrick & Son in 1921 and has gone on to become one of the UK's largest privately owned construction companies.

## About Goodman

Goodman is an integrated property group that owns, develops and manages industrial and business space globally. They invest in business parks, office parks, industrial estates and warehouse and distribution centres. They also offer a range listed and unlisted property funds, giving investors access to our specialist services and property assets.

With total assets of A\$36.9 billion (23.2 billion Euros) and over 700 properties under management, we are one of the world's largest listed property groups. Their market insight and dedicated local teams helps them to create sound investment opportunities and develop properties and environments that meet each organisations individuals requirements.

They are building value in industrial property and fund management with innovative new developments, business models and investment offerings.

## About Constellation Europe

Constellation Europe is one of the largest drinks companies in Europe, formed in April 2004 following the integration of Constellation Wines Europe Ltd and Matthew Clark plc. Constellation Europe is part of Constellation Brands Inc, the largest wine company in the world and a leading producer and exporter of wine from the USA, Australia and New Zealand.

Constellation Europe's head office is in Guildford, South East England. However, they maintain a major presence in the South West with their winery, National Distribution Centre and [Matthew Clark](#) wholesale division all based in Bristol and their award-winning orchard and cider mill at Shepton Mallet in Somerset. Their specialist wholesaler, [Forth Wines](#), is based in Scotland.

Their core strength is the scale and breadth of their drinks offer. They have ambitious growth plans which will be realised through organic growth, thanks to their product innovation and high performance sales and marketing teams, and through strategic acquisitions.

Whilst the UK remains a major market for them they have a strong presence in Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany and Sweden, and in Ireland through [Allied Drinks](#).

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