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## Atlas Ward win regeneration project in Dunstable

Atlas Ward Structures has recently been awarded the steelwork contract for a regeneration scheme in Dunstable, on behalf of main contractors Fitzpatrick and ProLogis Developments Limited.

The site was originally the home of the Bedford Truck manufacturing plant. Built in 1955 by General Motors, the plant employed up to 9,000 people, but recession and foreign imports took their toll and the plant closed in 1983.

Atlas Ward Structures were awarded the contract, due to their excellent track record and good working relationships, with both Fitzpatrick and ProLogis.

The North Yorkshire based steelwork contractor is undertaking the design, fabrication and erection of in excess of 2,300 tonnes of structural steelwork and decking for this development.

ProLogis Park Dunstable consists of two distribution units (DC 1 & DC 2) which are being built on a speculative basis. DC 1 has a footprint of approx 536,000 sq ft (49,796 m<sup>2</sup>) and DC 2 measures approx 239,500 sq ft (22,250 m<sup>2</sup>).

Commenting on the new development, Paul Weston, First Vice President of ProLogis said:

"We have already had significant interest in ProLogis Park Dunstable, so we are pleased that we can move ahead with construction work, which will be completed by the middle of 2006."

"ProLogis Park has a great many attractions for potential occupiers including its Assisted Area status, a large pool of labour in the distribution and manufacturing sectors, competitive rents and supportive local authority, so it will help Dunstable to compete on an equal footing with traditional M1 commercial locations."

Andy Lewis, Team Leader – Economic Regeneration - South Bedfordshire District Council, said,

“These are exciting times for Dunstable and the regeneration of this site will create a substantial number of employment opportunities, which will greatly benefit local people.”

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Fitzpatrick

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 VolkerWessels

Royal VolkerWessels Stevin nv (VolkerWessels) is a Dutch construction group with 15,700 employees, which concentrates on building and property development, infrastructure and specialist techniques and services. The focus of the group's activities lies in the Netherlands. However, the company also has branch offices in Germany, the United Kingdom and Belgium, and reaches beyond Europe to the United States and Canada.

VolkerWessels is the trade name of VolkerWessels Stevin nv.

#### About ProLogis

ProLogis is a leading provider of distribution facilities and services with 377 million sq ft (35 million sqm) in 2,300 distribution facilities owned, managed and under development in 77 markets in North America, Europe and Asia.



ProLogis continues to expand the industry's first and largest global network of distribution facilities with the objective of building shareholder value.

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Photos are attached in JPEG format to the email. Named – 'Dunstable'

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