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## Swindon Development gets off to a racing start

Atlas Ward Structures has recently completed a distribution scheme at Swindon, on behalf of Main Contractor Norwest Holst Limited and ProLogis Developments Limited. The first occupier on this development is automotive specialist Honda.

The North Yorkshire based Steelwork Contractor was awarded, the Design & Build contract, due to its excellent track record with both Norwest Holst Limited and ProLogis. Atlas Ward Structures, designed, fabricated and erected in excess of 1800 tonnes of structural steelwork and decking for this development.

The Swindon project consists of two buildings, DC1 and DC2, situated at South Marston Park. DC1 was recently occupied by Honda and it will be their first turnkey facility in the UK and facilitate their UK-wide distribution of spare parts and motorcycle/power equipment units. DC2 will be the largest speculative development ever built in Swindon, and is due for completion in April 2006.

DC2 measures 32,750 m<sup>2</sup> (353,518 sq ft) and weighs in excess of 900 Tonnes. DC1 measures 28,520 m<sup>2</sup> (306,986 sq ft) and similarly weighs in excess of 900 tonnes.

Established as Swindon's key distribution location, South Marston Park has occupiers such as BOC, ALDI, Nissin, Early Learning Centre, Exel, Royal Mail and Pentel all benefiting from the well-maintained, high quality environment. This premier B8 location is also home to many of Honda UK's major suppliers.

## 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 Norwest Holst Limited

The Building division has a network of regional offices which operate across all market sectors. The division has a turnover exceeding £300M per annum with the average contract value being £8.1 million. In the region of 80% of contracts secured, are, repeat business or negotiated work.

The Building division operates in the following sectors:

- Education
- Multi-storey Car Parks
- Healthcare
- Leisure
- Industrial and Commercial
- Shopping and Retail
- Offices
- High Security

#### About ProLogis

ProLogis is a leading provider of distribution facilities and services, with 368 million square feet (34.2 million square meters) in 2,304 distribution facilities owned, managed and under development in 76 markets in North America, Europe and Asia.

#### About Honda

Today, Honda is not only one of the world's leading producers of motorcycles, automobiles and power equipment - but is leading the world in advancing the safety and environmental performance of products that, increasingly, are made in local markets throughout the world.



In 2004, Honda reached nearly 20 million customers worldwide for its three core business lines - motorcycles, automobiles and power equipment. Honda has been expanding its customer base through an ongoing commitment to innovation, a new level of outstanding quality for its products and services, and by efficiently networking together its growing global operations.

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**Photo:**

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

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