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Atlas Ward furnish IKEA with new store in Republic of Ireland

Atlas Ward has recently been awarded the contract to build a new store for Swedish furniture giant IKEA, on behalf of the RG Group. The new store based in Ballymun, Co Dublin will be the first IKEA store in the Republic of Ireland.

The new store will have over 1,500 free car spaces and carry almost 10,000 products showcased in over 50 fully furnished room layouts. The store will also include a number of ancillary facilities for customers including a 500-seater restaurant, a bistro, a café and a Swedish Food Hall as well as a free crèche to cater for young children, while their parents are shopping. In addition, IKEA will invest €1.75 million into environmental processes at the store. This will ensure 44% of its total energy supply will be created by renewable sources.

The North Yorkshire-based steelwork contractor is responsible for the fabrication and erection of 2700 tonnes of structural steelwork for this project. The footprint for this building is 575,869 sq ft. The scope also includes the provision and installation of planks, staircases, pre-cast walls, floor decking and intumescent fire protection. The project comprises a car park at ground floor level with two floor levels above forming the main IKEA store.

This is the third IKEA store that Atlas Ward has been involved with; the first one was located in Ashton-under-Lyne, and was the 15th store in the UK. It consisted 2750 tonnes of structural steelwork and measured 450,000 sq ft.

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.

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About RG Group

The RG Group is an independent company that provides construction and consultancy services relating to the retail, distribution and commercial sectors.

They deliver certainty. Time and again their management skills have ensured delivery of their clients projects, ahead of programme and within budget. Perhaps that's why 85% of their work is repeat business.

About IKEA

IKEA sells low-price products, including furniture, accessories, bathrooms and kitchens at retail stores around the world.

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