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## Atlas Ward hunt Antelope in Southampton

Atlas Ward has recently won the contract to build a mixed-use scheme at Antelope Park, Bursledon Road, Southampton. The project was awarded to them by main contractor Norwest Holst Limited on behalf of specialist brownfield regenerator Rokeby (Southern).

Atlas Ward are responsible for the fabrication and erection of around 1,000 tonnes of structural steelwork. The Antelope Park development measures 180,000 sq ft and incorporates two smaller units as part of the project. The main building is approximately 83m x 86m on plan with a first floor across the entire footprint together with additional mezzanine areas at high and low levels. There is also a service yard area (30m x 30m) at ground floor level with the first floor spanning over the top where the floor trusses are incorporated to provide the clear span. There are also a quantity of trusses at roof level spanning a whopping 44m. Atlas Ward's scope also includes the supply and installation of floor decking and the installation of the pre-cast staircases.

The scheme has already attracted a 45,000 sq ft prelet from home, leisure and garden retailer The Range. There is still a further 100,000 sq ft to let including a 13,000 sq ft health care facility.

Adrian Goodall director of Rokeby (Southern) said: "Antelope Park is exactly the kind of messy brownfield site that Rokeby excels in; regenerating in close co-operation with local authorities and neighbouring stakeholder groups. We are very keen to develop similar sites across the UK."

The Thornhill area is subject to a New Deal for Communities programme and Dave Kellett chief executive of Thornhill New Deal said the start of work was

great news. “The New Deal aims to provide investment in the community to improve health and education, enhance the living environment and reduce crime and unemployment. This scheme ticks those boxes.”

The overall project value is £25 million and completion is scheduled for May 2009.

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 Norwest Holst Ltd

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 Rokeby Developments

Rokeby Developments was established in 1995 by Adrian Goodall BSc MRICS and specialises in commercial development.

Throughout the past thirteen years Rokeby Developments has been involved in a broad range of developments throughout the North East of England and in particular with regeneration programmes undertaken alongside both local authority and private sector partners.

Much of this work is carried out through individual partnership agreements or SPV companies. Current work in progress this year is in the region of £50 million.

Rokeby is now seeking mixed use, leisure and retail developments throughout England and Scotland, working in conjunction with an established client base.

The company has maintained a presence within the North East through Rokeby Developments Northern, which is seeking to specialise in office and employment accommodation within the region. The company is jointly owned by Nicholas Fordy, who is a director of Northern.

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**Photo:**

Photos are attached in JPEG format to the email. Named – ‘Antelope Park’.

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