

Press Release

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HOCHTIEF (UK) celebrate 365 days no accidents at Stratford Station Upgrade

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HOCHTIEF (UK) Construction's Stratford Station Upgrade (SSU) project recently achieved 365 days with no accidents or incidents. The site team have done some really positive work in the way in which safety is managed on site along with the site Integrated Management System and a number of initiatives and incentive schemes. Some of these initiatives include daily and weekly task briefings, weekly safety meetings with the site operatives, weekly hazard / safety suggestion award and monthly safety operative awards. In addition the site also reached 365 RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Disease and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations) free days on the 5th March 2010.

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Following these initiatives the site has received much praise from Network Rail (NWR) for the health and safety culture that has been adopted on site.

Mike Lyons, Programme Director (Network Rail) says, "HOCHTIEF's recent key achievement of 365 accident / incident free days only serves to highlight how with the hard work and determination of the whole Project Team things can change.

Not only has the project worked in excess of One million man hours, but has also achieved this milestone whilst working in a very challenging environment, tackling both operational, logistical and interface issues with exceptional vigour.

Both Project Management, Contractors and Sub-Contractors take on board the Safety Culture now clearly embedded throughout the site and are rightfully proud of their achievements."

This has raised safety awareness to such an extent that the client (NWR) is now using the SSU projects profile with their other contractors to show how a project should be set up and maintained.

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Under the guidance Kevin Rowell, Project Manager (HOCHTIEF), “The achievement of 365 accident free days is remarkable and shows what can be achieved even in the most difficult and challenging environments of working in a major operational station when the Contractor, Subcontractors, and Client work together with commitment and a common objective. The next target for the team is completion of the project with 500 accident free days and to take the SSU safety culture to future projects.”

On Thursday 20th May a barbecue was held to celebrate and reward all those involved in the project for their hard work in attaining this considerable accomplishment.

The Project:

HOCHTIEF (UK) Constructions Stratford Station Upgrade project involves the construction of new lifts and staircases in four main locations, improvement and widening of new platforms, new station buildings and the installation of a new power supply and communication system. New structural steel platform canopies and associated lighting, PA (Public Address), M&E (Mechanical and Electrical) and CCTV (Close Circuit Television) systems are also included.

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