

Press Release

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HOCHTIEF UK – Winners of the ICE London Merit Award 2006

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HOCHTIEF (UK) Construction Ltd is pleased to announce that they have won the ICE London Merit Award 2006 for their Paddington Bridge Project. The announcement was made at The ICE and ImechE Inaugural joint dinner, held at Lords Cricket Ground.

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The objective of the Merit Award was to recognise construction projects completed in the last calendar year (2005) within the London area of particular merit, physical achievement, innovation or ingenuity which promotes the excellence of the engineering profession.

HOCHTIEF (UK) was commissioned by client Westminster City Council to replace a hodge podge collection of 19th century bridges with a new composite six lane structure to remove a traffic bottle neck.

This is the second Award for HOCHTIEF (UK) Constructions this month. They were also awarded the Civil Engineering Award at the National Rail Awards 2006 and were commended by judges for displaying “professional ingenuity, creativity and impeccable execution” on their £24m lift and launch bridge scheme delivered on time and below budget.

About the project:

This design and build contract involves the demolition and replacement of Bishop’s Bridge Road bridge in order to improve vehicular access to Paddington Station. Bishop’s Bridge Road spans fourteen Network Rail lines, two London

Underground lines, the Grand Union canal, a Thames Water sewer and a disused goods yard site. It also lies at the entrance to one of London's busiest railway stations. Taking these combined challenges into account and with maximising safety and minimising disruption as key priorities, an innovative solution was developed.

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Comments:

Sally Sunderland – Project Manager

“We are very proud to receive this award; it represents three years of hard work and careful planning and is a credit to all the parties who contributed to the success of the Project”.

Stephen Ives – Managing Director

“We are delighted to have won this Award that continues to demonstrate our strength in carrying out complex structural projects in difficult locations”.

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