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### **Launch of new CDM regulations marked by St Pancras redevelopment**

The Health & Safety Executive has chosen the prestigious redevelopment site at St Pancras International for the launch of the 2007 Construction (Design and Management) regulations.

On behalf of London & Continental Railways, the CORBER Joint Venture (comprising Costain, O'Rourke, Bachy and EMCOR Rail) is due to complete construction work at Eurostar's new home, St Pancras International in July. The remaining site activity includes the building fit-out, together with the mechanical, electrical, telecommunications, fire and plumbing installation and commissioning works designed by EMCOR. St Pancras International will open on time and within budget on 14 November.

The new Regulations are expected to see a step change improvement in health and safety performance within the industry with construction remaining one of the highest risk sectors. The revised CDM Regulations aim to improve levels of health and safety performance by clarifying the responsibilities of each duty holder and focusing on effective planning and risk management.

Andrew East, HM Principal Specialist Inspector & Head of CDM said:

"The St Pancras redevelopment is an excellent example of high safety standards in construction and clearly demonstrates that safe to build projects can be delivered on time and to budget. We want increased safety to become an integrated part of every

construction project and that is what CDM 2007 will achieve. The HSE and industry partners who have contributed to the development of the new CDM Regulations encourage all in the construction industry to fully adopt the principles of CDM 2007 and reap the benefits of effectively planned and managed projects”.

Ivor Goldsmith, Managing Director, EMCOR Infrastructure & Rail Services, added:

“Our work at St Pancras International, with our CORBER joint venture partners, has been undertaken in accordance with the current CDM regulations for a major design and build project. The new regulations will further improve the planning and integration of health and safety matters within the processes for engineering systems design, procurement, installation, commissioning, handover and long term operation for the entire life cycle of the project.”

The revised CDM Regulations will introduce the following changes:

- Clarify construction client responsibilities when they are exercising their influence over the health and safety standards on their projects.
- Replace the role of Planning Supervisor with a new role of CDM coordinator. The coordinator will act as the client’s key advisor on health and safety issues, particularly effective communication and co-ordination of health and safety information.
- Emphasise the importance of competence at all levels in securing health and safety benefits, whilst simplifying the assessment of competence.
- Drive out needless health and safety paperwork and bureaucracy. Paperwork should be project-specific, relevant, proportionate to the risk, and of real use in helping to manage the risk.
- Simplify when a project is notifiable, and formal plans and appointments are required. Projects will be notifiable if they will involve more than 30 days or 500 person days of construction work. No projects for a domestic client will be notifiable. Formal plans and appointments are only required for notifiable projects.

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