



Press Release

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FM Conway helps celebrate President Reagan's 100th birthday

FM Conway has been instrumental today in the unveiling of a bronze statue of former US president Ronald Reagan on American Independence Day (4 July).

The 10 foot statue is positioned on a pedestal close to the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square and is part of a year of celebrations to mark what would have been his 100th birthday.

FM Conway's Structure and Maintenance Division was responsible for the construction of the statue's plinth.

The statue, created by American sculpture Chas Fagan, was commissioned by the Ronald Reagan Foundation and Westminster City Council, under the WestOne Infrastructure Services Joint Venture.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Condoleezza Rice, the former US secretary of state who worked for the Pentagon during Mr Reagan's presidency. Ms Rice was representing Nancy Reagan, who followed proceedings from her Californian home. David Cameron and Margaret Thatcher also attended.

FM Conway installed the statue on a single piece of Portland stone and used Cornish De Lank Grey Granite for the setts, borders and plaque plinth. This also included carving of the Presidential seal, as well as the carving and painting of lettering on the stone plinth.

Bernard Hodgkinson, FM Conway's Structure and Building Maintenance Director, said: "It has been a privilege for FM Conway to be involved in the construction of a bronze statue dedicated to such an iconic leader in both American and global politics.

“The unveiling was a momentous and accomplished moment for all involved and now the statue of Ronald Reagan, which is a wonderful likeness of him, stands tall in London’s Grosvenor Square.”

Cllr Robert Davis, Deputy Leader of Westminster Council, said: “Ronald Reagan was a true ally of this country and the ties his governments forged with Britain through the late cold war period were crucial to breaking down the barriers between east and west.

“The statue is a fitting tribute to all he achieved as President and we hope stands as a testament to the enduring relationship between Britain and the United States.”

The bronze Ronald Reagan will stand alongside existing statues of two other 20th century US leaders, Dwight Eisenhower and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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Notes to Editor:

FM Conway Limited has a strategic goal – zero waste to landfill by the end of 2012.

A leading multi-disciplined service provider, FM Conway operates from its head offices in Dartford, Kent, with strategic business centres across London and the South East.

The company provides a comprehensive range of highway maintenance, civil engineering and construction services, as well as professional services and structure and building maintenance. It has been able to develop a reputation for delivering cost-effective and high-performance solutions across both the public and private sectors.

Its new Asphalt Plant is now up and running and open. It produces asphalt with a high recycled content. Situated at the company’s Thameside Wharf, the Asphalt plant offers the full range of British and European standard coated products.

Designed to incorporate the latest energy saving initiatives throughout its operations, including using cleaner fuels in the heating and drying processes, the new Asphalt Plant

increases FM Conway's green credentials and is complimented by their established recycling facility located at Dartford.

FM Conway's Aggregates and Asphalt department is focused on providing high quality products and the highest level of customer service and efficiency within the London and South East markets. Managing director Michael Conway and his team have built on the company to be one of the country's foremost innovators in wet waste and aggregates recycling.

Since its foundation in 1961, FM Conway has continued to grow and today employs a workforce of more than 1800 people. Their staff play an important role, and as their slogan says – great people, great work.

FM Conway is a member of the British Safety Council, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association, the British Association of Landscape Industries and the Quarry Products Association, as well as being BSI registered for environmental and quality management.