



Press Release

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FM Conway celebrates 50 years with a new Thames-side Jetty

FM Conway marked its 50th anniversary with the official opening of its Asphalt Plant in Erith and a completely new Thames-side Jetty on Friday 25th November.

These two new additions to the Conway portfolio mean that the company can supply asphalt products, increase its recycling capacity and take deliveries of aggregates by ship. This use of river transportation will reduce the number of lorry movements in and around London by 15,000 journeys a year and thereby reducing CO2 emissions by 1025 tonnes per annum.

The Conway Asphalt Plant

Conway's asphalt plant at Erith is the most energy efficient facility of its kind in the UK. Since becoming operational 15 months ago the plant has become the busiest single asphalt plant in the country, with operational availability 24 hours a day all year round.

Speaking at the opening event Michael Conway, Chief Executive Officer for FM Conway, said: "This asphalt plant is the realisation of our goal to become a truly integrated service provider."

In 15 months of operation the plant has so far produced more than 450,000 tonnes of asphalt. The material produced has paved roads from Piccadilly to Peterborough and been used for schools, hospitals, dockyards, rail depots, supermarket car parks and areas of the Olympic Park.

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The asphalt plant delivers products which have been developed by Conway's Research and Development team based at the material testing laboratory at nearby Mulberry Way. Together the research and production teams are developing new products which will increase sustainability and reduce carbon emissions while optimising performance.

The Jetty

It is widely recognised that the waterways are under-used as an effective means of transporting essential materials in the UK. The new Conway Jetty and Wharf will receive more than 250,000 tonnes of aggregate per year, which will remove approximately 15,000 truck movements off the road every year, saving 1,025 tonnes of CO₂ annually. The Conway Wharf has been designed to berth 6,000 tonne ships; the jetty reaches 130m out into the Thames and features a bespoke automated conveyor system which can operate at a rate of 500 tonnes per hour.

Planned and constructed for minimal environmental impact, the design incorporates specially developed unloading equipment which is controlled via wireless technology at the fingertips of the dock crane operator.

FM Conway is renowned for its innovative approach, especially when it comes to recycling and sustainability. The company has invested £25 million on in-house recycling infrastructure over the past five years. As a result, it can now recycle a wide array of arisings in-house, including the recycling of: 100% of highways arisings in aggregates, 95% of gully waste in the only gully waste recycling plant in the UK, and all kerbs, paving, concrete, asphalt, sub-base, sand and granular materials.

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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 integrated services 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 Thames-side 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.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Conway and his team have built 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