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CIC Commitment to Sustainable Construction

CIC is set to increase its leadership role in sustainable construction following a commitment from design and engineering consultancy Atkins to donate the expertise of two of its people.

The lead resource will be Tony Iles, Associate Director in Atkins' Environmental Management team, who will work three days a week for CIC over the next six months, from November 2007 to April 2008. He will be supported by sustainability consultant Piotr Berebecki.

Tony's first priority will be to lead the CIC's response to the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform's (BERR) draft sustainable construction strategy, which will involve the co-ordination of members' views and input, liaison with the Sustainable Development Commission (SDC) and overseeing the drafting process. The next stage will be to help the CIC support BERR in implementing the strategy.

Graham Watts Chief Executive of CIC said: "Tony and Piotr will be a great asset to CIC in the key area of developing and implementing the sustainable construction strategy, as well as helping shape CIC priorities in relation to Climate Change and other environmental policies."

Keith Clarke, Chief Executive of Atkins and Deputy Chairman of CIC said: "Atkins' corporate responsibility policy is to share our expertise in areas which are fundamentally important to society, and this is a prime example. It is crucial that we develop a common way forward on sustainability between Government and the design community."

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Notes to the editor

1. The Construction Industry Council (CIC) is the representative forum for the professional bodies, research organisations and specialist business associations in the construction industry. It provides a single voice for professionals in all sectors of the built environment through its collective membership of 500,000 individual professionals and 25,000 firms of construction consultants.
2. The Sustainable Development Commission (SDC) is the Government's independent watchdog on



sustainable development for more information visit www.sd-commission.org.uk.

3. Atkins (www.atkinsglobal.com) plans, designs and enables the delivery of complex capital programmes for clients in the public and private sectors across the globe. Atkins is the largest multidisciplinary consultancy in Europe; the largest engineering consultancy in the UK; and the world's fifth largest design firm.
4. BERR- The Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform. The Department brings together functions from the former Department of Trade and Industry, including responsibilities for productivity, business relations, energy, competition and consumers, with the [Better Regulation Executive \(BRE\)](#), previously part of the Cabinet Office. (See also the [Better Regulation website](#) to submit ideas for reducing or simplifying regulation for the business, public and third sectors.) For more information visit: www.berr.gov.uk

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