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Build UK Launched with Action Plan to Deliver Change

Build UK has marked its official launch today by publishing an [Action Plan](#) to address key industry issues and in turn improve the delivery of projects and drive growth.

Formed as a result of the merger between UKCG and NSCC, Build UK brings together 27 of the industry's largest Main Contractors and 40 leading Trade Associations representing 11,500 Specialist Contractors. It provides, for the first time, a single voice for the whole of the contracting supply chain and offers a real opportunity to transform the construction sector.

Build UK will initially focus on:

- The image of construction
- The industry's skills needs
- Effective pre-qualification
- Health and safety performance
- Fair payment practices.

By bringing together Main and Specialist Contractors and providing strategic leadership on these key issues, Build UK can help to drive best practice across the industry and improve productivity.

Overseeing Build UK's strategy will be a board with equal representation from Main and Specialist Contractors. Joint Chairmen James Wates (Wates Group) and Kevin Louch (Stanford - ACIFC) are joined on the first board by Paul Abson (Bouygues UK), Mark Castle (Mace Group), Greg Craig (Skanska), Matt Nicholson (Lakesmere - NFRC), Julie White (D-Drill - DSA) and Steve Bratt (ECA).

Build UK Chief Executive **Suzannah Nichol MBE** said:

"Today is the culmination of an exciting year bringing two leading organisations together and we are now looking forward to working with our members and partners to deliver real and lasting change on the issues that matter. By getting the right people around the table and having honest and open debates, we are confident that Build UK

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will be able to deliver progress, not just for the contracting supply chain but the wider industry and its clients.”

The Build UK team will be attending the Construction Industry Summit in London on 8 and 9 of September where Suzannah will chair a session on Drivers for Growth within the Industry. Copies of the Build UK Action Plan will be available at the summit and delegates can also meet Suzannah and other members of the management team.

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Notes to Editors

1. Build UK provides a strong collective voice for the contracting supply chain in construction. We bring together 27 of the industry’s largest Main Contractors and 40 leading Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors - www.builduk.org.
2. The Build UK Action Plan is available at:
<http://builduk.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Action-Plan-2015.pdf>
3. The Construction Industry Summit is taking place on 8 and 9 September at The Grange St. Paul’s Hotel in London with the core theme of *Construction 2025* and its vision of where the industry will be by 2025 - www.constructionindustrysummit.com.