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Build UK Kick Starts 2017 with Three New Members

Build UK has welcomed two more Client organisations and a Contractor member to its collective voice as it continues to drive positive change by welcoming all areas of industry to the table.

Major industry clients, Derwent London and British Land, are the latest to join the six existing private developers and step up to get involved in Build UK's activities.

Derwent London is one of London's most innovative office specialist property regenerators and investors and is well known for its design-led philosophy and creative management approach to development. The Group owns and manages an investment portfolio of 6.2 million sq. ft., of which 98% is located in central London.

British Land owns, manages and develops high quality properties focused on regional and local retail and leisure around the UK, and offices and residential in London. British Land manage assets worth £19 billion with occupancy rates of 98.1%.

In addition to Build UK's burgeoning Client membership body, its Contractor voice continues to grow with Keltbray Group joining the Build UK family.

Keltbray Group is a UK leading specialist business, which offers engineering, construction, demolition, decommissioning, remediation, rail, environmental services, piling and reinforced concrete structures solutions. The company has over the past four decades grown to become a £375 million group of companies that provide specialist services and is unrivalled in the UK.

Keltbray's membership adds significant weight to Build UK as it continues to drive positive industry change. Keltbray will remain a loyal member of a number of Build UK's Trade Association members to support change within specialist sectors.

Build UK was created to provide a strong collective voice for the construction supply chain. Its fast-paced growth demonstrates the wider change that is developing in construction, with collaboration taking centre stage as a meaningful way of tackling industry challenges.

Leadership has been displayed on key issues such as pre-qualification, payment and the industry's image and 2017 is set to be another busy year for Build UK as it delivers further change to future proof the construction industry.

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

"We're delighted to welcome Derwent London, British Land and Keltbray. 2016 was a fantastic year for Build UK as we brought together the full contracting supply chain for the first time. Beginning 2017 with three new members who are committed to working together is a brilliant start and I can't wait to see how we continue deliver change to the benefit of the whole supply chain."

Richard Baldwin, Head of Development at Derwent London, said:

"Derwent London is pleased to see that, through Build UK, the industry is finally joining up to collaborate. As a significant investor, we want to be involved in the groundswell of change that Build UK is facilitating to achieve better outcomes for all."

Richard Elliott, Head of Construction at British Land said:

"British Land is committed to working closely and efficiently with our supply chain to deliver high quality developments for our customers. We look forward to partnering with Build UK to build on what the organisation has already achieved and to effect further change across the construction industry."

Brendan Kerr, Chief Executive Officer at Keltbray said:

"There is a growing acknowledgment of the reliance on Specialist Contractors in the supply chain, demonstrating that contractors such as Keltbray are critical to the success of a project. It is important that as a £375 million group we play our role in solving the industry's challenges through Build UK."

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2. To find out more about Build UK's priorities, see the [Build UK Action Plan](#).
3. For further information on Derwent London, visit the [Derwent London website](#).
4. For further information on British Land, visit the [British Land website](#).
5. For further information on Keltbray Group, visit the [Keltbray website](#).