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Build UK Starts 2020 in Style with High Profile New Members

Build UK enters the new year having consolidated its position as the voice of UK construction by welcoming into membership a number of major client and contracting organisations, including **Laing O'Rourke** and **Transport for London (TfL)**.

This follows a successful 2019 in which the Government-sponsored Construction Leadership Council (CLC) endorsed a number of Build UK initiatives aimed at driving change in construction, breaking new ground in areas such as pre-qualification, contractual practice, and retentions.

"The breadth and depth of Build UK's membership enables us to present a strong voice for industry and effectively influence Government, clients and stakeholders," said **Build UK Chief Executive Suzannah Nichol** in a message to the organisation's members earlier this month.

"Prioritising more efficient ways of working is key, and we can see from the increased engagement in Build UK's activities that our members understand the power of collaboration and the opportunities they have to make a real difference to the way the industry operates."

Build UK is delighted to announce five new members in total this month. Alongside Laing O'Rourke and Transport for London (TfL), **Munnelly Support Services** becomes the first logistics contractor to join and we also welcome **Alandale Group** and **Sunvast International UK Limited**.

The additional weight of these new members will support the delivery of Build UK's Action Plan, which is delivering key elements of the Government's Construction Sector Deal to transform construction.

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) has recently confirmed its support for the Build UK Roadmap to Zero Retentions and is encouraging the industry to implement new minimum standards when using cash retentions. This follows the CLC's endorsement of Build UK's Contract Terms Recommendation and the new industry pre-qualification Common Assessment Standard.

Suzannah Nichol added:

"With a majority Government now in place, we are anticipating more certainty and direction on political issues such as Brexit, as well as on the future of major construction

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projects and regional investment across the UK. Build UK has sent a clear message to the Prime Minister seeking the Government's explicit commitment to infrastructure spending laid out in December's Queen's Speech and urging him to ensure central Government uses its power as a responsible client to drive change in the industry, for the benefit of the economy as a whole."

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Notes to Editors

1. [Build UK](#) is the leading representative organisation for the UK construction industry. Bringing together Clients, Contractors, Trade Associations representing a wide range of Specialist Contractors, and other organisations committed to industry collaboration, Build UK represents in excess of 40% of UK construction.
2. Find out more about the benefits of [Build UK Membership](#).
3. Find out more about our latest members:
 - [Laing O'Rourke](#)
 - [Munnelly Support Services](#)
 - [Alandale Group](#)
 - [Transport for London \(TfL\)](#)
 - [Sunvast International UK Limited](#).
4. Find out more about the work that Build UK is doing to transform construction in the [Build UK Action Plan 2019/20](#) which includes:
 - [Roadmap to Zero Retentions](#) and [Minimum Standards on Retentions](#)
 - [Contract Terms Recommendations](#)
 - [Common Assessment Standard](#).
5. Read the full text of Build UK's [letter to the Prime Minister](#).
6. View the Government's [Construction Sector Deal](#), which sets out an ambitious partnership between industry and Government to transform the sector's productivity.