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WATES CONSTRUCTION STRENGTHENS IT NORTHERN OPERATION

Leading national construction company, Wates, has boosted its northern operation with the appointment of David Price as its regional manager. This significant move to strengthen its senior team positions the company confidently for the economic upturn. Phil Harrison who has successfully led the region for the past three years will now step into the Managing Director role overseeing Wates north and midlands' construction divisions.

Price (45) has been with the Leeds based company for nearly 10 years and his new position will see him involved with developing the business on a more strategic level. He has been responsible for delivering some of the company's largest projects such as Challenge School, Bradford, Leeds PFI Primary Schools, Kirklees SEN Schools, Bridlington Spa, Manor School, York and the Broadgate Development on the Headrow, Leeds.

One of Dave's personal priorities in his new position will be to boost Wates community activities. He said: "Wates is very involved in the community and it's something we all take a lot of pride in. Each year everyone takes a day out to participate in Community Day and we also fundraise for shelter and other worthwhile causes. I am looking forward to doing what I can in this new role to help Wates make a real difference to people in the North."

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Notes to Editors

Wates is one of the UK's largest family-owned construction services and development companies. Established in 1897, it remains privately owned by the Wates Family. Wates employs more than 2,200 people and had a turnover of £1,009 million in 2008.

The company works across a range of sectors, including education, prisons, affordable housing, retail fit out and refurbishment, office interiors, land development and commercial buildings.

Wates has three areas of Corporate Responsibility focus: to reduce the impact of CO2 emissions from our activities, eliminate all non-hazardous waste to landfill by 2010 and boost skills and employability in areas of most need. Wates was awarded Silver status in the 2008 Business in the Community Responsible Business index.

Safety is a top priority and the Group's excellent record has resulted in RoSPA Gold Awards for Occupational Safety and British Safety Council Awards for the past six years.