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### **BALFOUR BEATTY ACQUIRES BIGNELL & ASSOCIATES**

Balfour Beatty Management, the professional services business of Balfour Beatty plc, announces today the acquisition of Bignell & Associates Ltd, the London based project management and property development consultant.

Bignell & Associate's Managing Director, Mike Bignell and his team will become part of the building and development arm of Balfour Beatty Management, complementing Heery, the company's commercial property specialist.

Commenting today, Balfour Beatty Management Managing Director David James said;

“This acquisition will further strengthen Balfour Beatty Management's presence in the building market. Mike Bignell and his team bring a number of prestigious project management commissions, as well as development management expertise to support the Heery portfolio.”

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### **Notes to Editors:**

1. Balfour Beatty Management is one of the UK's fastest-growing consultancies. Formed in 2003, it increased its professional staff from 200 to 350 last year. In 2005 it was instrumental in securing a £380m alliance with National Grid to replace gas mains in Greater Manchester. In 2006 it played a key role in securing another National Grid alliance worth up to £550m to upgrade and repair the overhead electricity line network on the eastern side of England, and a major contract for United Utilities.
2. Balfour Beatty Management delivers practical and effective solutions supported by access to the entire 30,000-strong worldwide workforce of Balfour Beatty Group, market leaders in engineering, construction, services and investment business within the infrastructure and building markets.
3. Balfour Beatty Management is building a reputation for innovation with projects such as the new King's Cross St Pancras Underground Station, where it has significantly reduced project costs, and work for BAA at Heathrow Terminal 5. It is further enhancing Balfour Beatty's reputation for handling large and complex projects successfully.