



Press Release

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MAJOR PRISON HOUSEBLOCK ACCOMMODATION CONTRACT AWARDED TO PCSL

PCSL (Precast Cellular Structures Ltd) has won a £14.5 million contract for new accommodation blocks at HMP Stocken in Rutland.

The order, which is for two new 184 cell accommodation blocks, has been placed by Wates Construction. The project is subject to tight timescales, with PCSL scheduled to take 33 weeks from commencement of the work to completion of the blocks in the summer of 2011.

The houseblocks will be constructed using PCSL's Quadblock system, which allows four cells at a time to be cast in steel moulds and fitted out with M&E services, doors and windows, prior to being delivered to the site on lorries and erected using mobile cranes.

PCSL, which specialises in building prison houseblocks, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eastleigh-based company, Qube Group. The company acquired Tarmac Ltd's 50% share in PCSL in July, bringing PCSL and specialist design and build contractor Composite, under single ownership.

Managing Director, Roy Nield-Dumper said: "This order represents the next stage in our development of this system for providing high quality, secure and cost effective prison accommodation buildings."

PCSL has completed thirty-two projects in the custodial sector, providing in excess of 5,400 cells. In the past twelve months, the company has completed houseblock projects at HMP Nottingham, Swaleside and Long Lartin, all of which have achieved BREEAM Excellent status.

Modular construction is perfectly suited to the specific requirements of the custodial sector due to its robustness, competitive cost, safety and security, high quality, low maintenance costs and speed of construction.

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