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Press Release

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Costain-Skanska Joint Venture awarded Crossrail contract

The Costain – Skanska Joint Venture today announce that they have been formally awarded a contract by Crossrail as part of its enabling works framework for the construction of Royal Oak Portal.

Royal Oak Portal, which is adjacent to Paddington main line station, will act as the transition ramp for Crossrail trains when entering and exiting the central London tunnels. Under the contract, the team will undertake the construction of a reinforced concrete structure that will include a diaphragm wall and major temporary works to construct reinforced concrete embedded retaining walls to form the tunnel portal.

To undertake this project, which is the first and a critical element of the forthcoming main Crossrail tunnelling works, Costain-Skanska will draw upon in-house skills available to the joint venture including Piling & Foundations and utility service diversions and protection.

Work will begin immediately and is scheduled for completion in March 2011.

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Notes to Editors:

The Costain - Skanska joint venture has a long and successful history of working together. The joint-venture is currently working together, under the Highways Agency's Early Contractor Involvement Scheme, on the A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton Improvement project.

Other recent projects include the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Contract 240, which consisted of two 4.7km long tunnels between Stratford Box and Barrington Road in Newham. The A2/M2 widening project in Kent and the construction of the Golden Jubilee Wing at Kings College Hospital, London, completed in 2000.