

Press Release

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The AD Construction Group signs up to London's pioneering carbon management scheme.

The AD Construction Group, has today joined London's premier carbon club by signing up to a pioneering carbon management scheme backed by the Mayor of London, the **Green500**, which aims to address carbon emissions and take action against climate change.

The Green500 is an environmental programme funded by the London Development Agency to support the Mayor's target to cut emissions in the capital by 60 per cent by 2025. The Green500 intends to bring together large organisations with a significant presence in London and encourage them to work together to reduce the city's carbon emissions.

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, said:

'I am delighted to welcome AD Construction Group to the Green500. In difficult economic times it makes great business sense to cut carbon and save money off energy bills. I want to build a low carbon capital with the help of our leading companies to boost our competitiveness and protect our environment.'

Steve Doyle – Managing Director – The AD Construction Group speaking today stated-

"As a responsible and environmentally aware company AD is proud to be involved with the Green500. As a local SME contractor committed to sustainability and heavily involved in the Eco Upgrade and Retrospective Refurbishment markets – carbon reduction is of paramount importance to AD.

We are glad that the Mayor has introduced this initiative and hope it will help to raise awareness of the simple measures that can be taken, that can have a fundamental impact on carbon reduction - not only setting the standard for others to follow, but also helping to make London a nicer place for us all for years to come.

*If **all** London businesses were to commit to the Green 500 - imagine how rapidly we could reduce the emissions in London – the proven success of this initiative could potentially lead to other towns, cities and countries committing to similar pledges and the results could be vital in reducing the worlds emissions."*

Each organisation that signs up to the Green500 is assigned a dedicated carbon mentor who works alongside the signatory to develop a tailored plan to reduce their carbon footprint and save money. Signatories to date include Marks & Spencer, The London Eye, TfL, Chelsea FC, Boots, The Natural History Museum and more.

The prestigious group will come together for an annual awards ceremony, hosted by the Mayor – Boris Johnson, who will present members with a Green500 certification to mark their achievements, as well as a variety of special awards for high achievers.

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Notes to Editors:

The AD Construction Group.

Since being established in 1944, Architectural Decorators Ltd (part of the AD Construction Group) has built up a very impressive reputation, within a wide scale client base; covering all aspects of general post-construction building works for Local Authority, Local Government and Public Sector Clients.

***Architectural Decorators Ltd.** is a privately owned company that carries out a complete range of refurbishment, decorating and associated building repair and renovation work throughout London and the Home Counties. It offers specialist building repair and renovation skills, including roofing, plastering, carpentry, brickwork, concrete repairs and stone restoration. The company endeavours to provide the highest levels of service, standards of work and environmental care in its marketplace by virtue of its commitment to quality in everything it does. At AD “good enough” is never good enough. Today the company’s turnover is made up of approximately 40% redecoration works and 60% refurbishment and repair works. With 90% of those works being undertaken within the public sector.*

AD has two other divisions, which can offer beneficial services and support to contracts, these businesses are JACOBS Safety Services and AD Eco and Environmental Services Ltd.

AD Eco & Environmental Services Ltd.

AD Eco and Environmental Services Ltd was formed in 2006. The decision was taken to set up a company which would be able to provide environmental upgrades and retrospective upgrades to the very high standards that our clients are used to.

- Solar Water Heating Systems
- Alternative & Renewable Energy Solutions
- Gas Central Heating Systems (Including Heat/Power Combined)
- Retrospective Insulation Energy
- Efficiency Solutions
- Underfloor Heating

Jacobs Safety Services Ltd

JSS was formed in 2006 to take advantage of the extensive skills that existed within AD with regards to Health and Safety. A large amount of training and Health and Safety Services were provided internally throughout the AD Group following BSC accreditation and following increasing requests to provide training to our suppliers, clients and industry contacts JSS was formed, JSS now provide a full range of Health and Safety Consultancy Services to the Construction Industry.

The Green500.

The Green500 offers practical support and recognition awards to large businesses and public sector organisations in order to become more carbon efficient - companies who sign up will receive a carbon assessment, will be helped to develop an emissions reduction plan in line with the Mayor's target to cut London's emissions by 60 per cent by 2025 and, critically, will commit to publish their progress annually. Companies will be offered a 'carbon mentor' who will work with businesses to help implement the plan and achieve their target - there will be yearly awards to recognise those that reach their target and for top achievers. For more information go to www.green500.co.uk

The London Development Agency.

The London Development Agency is the London Mayor's agency - responsible for driving London's sustainable economic growth. It's their job to ensure that London remains a global success story.

To help deliver this they work with partners from industry, and the public and voluntary sectors.

In addition to driving forward equality, health and sustainability their work is prioritised by four themes.

- Places and Infrastructure
- Encouraging Business
- Supporting People
- Marketing London