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## **CAPITA SYMONDS IMPLEMENTS INNOVATIVE CCM SYSTEM ON REGENERATION PROJECT IN WALES**

(London, 12 February 2007)

Management Process Systems Limited (MPS) today announced that their innovative Contract Change Management (CCM) system has been selected to manage the contract processes on the Greater Bargoed Community Regeneration Scheme (GBCRS) project in Wales. This follows the successful implementation of CCM on the EVR project during 2006. The GBCRS is located in the centre of the Rhymney Valley in South Wales and follows the valley floor linking the communities of Bargoed and Gilfach to the west and Aberbargoed to the east. The route of the scheme generally follows the former colliery waste tips, which have been reshaped under former land reclamation schemes. The purpose of the scheme is to remove traffic from the heavily congested main streets of Bargoed and to allow the regeneration of the town centre by the construction of a new retail development plateau incorporated into the scheme. The contract which is the NEC Engineering & Construction Contract option C target cost with activity schedule was let in October 2006 after a lengthy tender period, incorporating both quality and cost submissions. The contract period is in the region of 2.5 years with completion due in May 2009, and the target cost is in the region of £20m. The Employer's project manager, design engineer and quantity surveyor is Capita Symonds working from their Cwmbran office. The lead client is Caerphilly County Borough Council, although the project is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Ian Smith, Project Manager, Capita Symonds said, "I look forward to the challenges presented by this scheme. I believe CCM will help Capita, in partnership with Hochtief Griffiths JV, to administer this relatively new form of contract in a transparent and auditable fashion."

The Internet based CCM system, provided by MPS, is designed to manage the contract change processes set out in the NEC/ECC form of contract. CCM is currently being used by an extensive range of clients around the UK, on civils, power and building projects. Key benefits include timely agreement of change, quality assured contract administration, the early completion of final account, improved contract management discipline, instant visibility of risk and change issues, improved change management, quality assured processes, consistency, instant access to risk spend data, rigorous audit trail, and instant availability of Excel reports over the web - all leading to reduced risk and reduce costs.

The CCM system is provided in partnership with CSF Managed Services, who provide the IT infrastructure through a managed service. The systems and infrastructure design supports an On-Demand business requirement with key partners, suppliers and clients. The application and associated databases reside on a fully managed IBM eserver configuration in a state of the art data centre using IBM Middleware.

Robin Wilkin, Operations Director of MPS said, "We are very pleased to have won this Order on a project for Caerphilly County Borough Council, which builds on our increasing experience with Local Authorities in Wales. We believe best practice IT systems operated by their key service providers can help them achieve their objectives on behalf of their Members, funders and residents."

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### About Management Process Systems Limited

Management Process Systems Limited is a management services company whose mission is to deliver innovative solutions that deliver identifiable business advantage to the construction industry.

The company has extensive experience in the business processes, methodologies, information and knowledge requirements of the construction industry. This expertise and knowledge is re-enforced by a highly experienced capability to deploy Information Technology in support of business processes.

### Editors Note

Information regarding MPS is available on the website [www.mpsprocess.com](http://www.mpsprocess.com).

Aerial Photograph with new road superimposed courtesy of Capita Symonds



Contract Change Management (CCM) is an innovative and exciting British success story on the provision of IT support to a key business process.

Hundreds of construction industry professionals from most of the large PM, QS, Engineering, and construction companies have been managing projects worth hundreds of millions of pounds using the system. These projects have included thousands of Early Warnings giving notice of new risks and Compensation Events for change management.

Client customers include EDF Energy, Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Imperial College London, and many more.

Four key gains leading to reduced costs for customers using CCM are -

#### **1. Increased productivity**

Increasing workloads and shortages of skilled managers have led firms to maximise efficiency of their professional staff. CCM enables remote working, less travelling, and more effective use of key resources. Managers spend more time on decision making and less time on administration. They are also able to manage more projects.

#### **2. Improved predictability of outcome (cost & time)**

Predictability of cost and time are two of the top ten key performance measures for business excellence as identified by Constructing Excellence. CCM improves predictability, minimises

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surprises, facilitates speedy agreement of change, and provides very early close out of final accounts.

### **3. Reduced risk**

CCM facilitates early warning of liabilities and opportunities, improved risk management, increased collaboration, and therefore better-informed decision making. CCM also improves contract management, which reduces the level of risk to all involved.

### **4. Compliance - Improved audit and visibility**

CCM is a secure quality controlled system, which enables compliance in the most challenging and demanding environments. Process visibility and audit ability facilitate improved communications for all participants. Coupled with its ability to transcend location, CCM provides a powerful management tool for all members of the project team.

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