

### Skanska wins top UK sustainable future award

**Skanska UK has won the British Quality Foundation's (BQF) 2011 BQF Achievement Award for Sustainable Future. Chosen by an independent awards jury, to receive an award, the company had to demonstrate its outstanding environmental or social contribution to achieving a more sustainable world.**

The award was announced at the UK Excellence Awards 2011 Ceremony on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October when Skanska learned that it had impressed judges with its review of every project's sustainability achievements, provision of case studies that enable employees to access environmental information and learn best practice, and the setting of sustainability-related objectives for all employees.

**Joe Goasdoué**, Chief Executive of the BQF, said: 'Winning a BQF Achievement Award is a fantastic result for any organisation. Skanska has produced exceptional results and made the company a sustainable future leader and a great example to other companies that don't take sustainability as seriously as they should. An excellent performance.'

Commenting, **Mike Putnam**, President & CEO of Skanska UK said: "This is a fantastic achievement. I am very proud of the work our people have been carrying out in this area. Our approach is based on the themes of green leadership, employee engagement and sound environmental performance at project level. This is underpinned by an external focus on engagement with our supply chain and our clients in a true collaborative way of working. This award is a clear demonstration to me of our consistent approach to leadership and performance.

The BQF Achievement Awards are national annual awards for any organisation to gain recognition for role model activity. The judges seek organisations that have an approach that is innovative and different.

#### Notes for editors:

##### BQF Achievement Awards

The BQF Achievement Awards recognise outstanding performance in key areas of business activity such as Leadership, Customer Satisfaction and Process Management. Previous winners include 3663, Dane Housing, Doosan Babcock Energy, GlaxoSmithKline, Leicestershire & Rutland Probation Trust and Siemens.

##### British Quality Foundation

Founded in 1993 by Government and leading UK businesses, the British Quality Foundation (BQF) is an independent, not-for-profit, corporate membership organisation. With nearly 700 members spanning the public, voluntary and private sectors, it is the community for every business seeking excellent insights, tools and experiences to improve itself.

As a Primary Partner of EFQM, the BQF is the only organisation able to provide their full range of products and services, based around the EFQM Excellence Model, in the UK. The BQF's Patron is HRH The Princess Royal and current President is David Callaghan, Managing Director of Oracle Corporation UK, Ireland and Israel.

##### Skanska:

Skanska is involved in some of the UK's most prestigious projects in both the Private and Public Sectors. Whilst known mainly for our large high-profile schemes, we also undertake many smaller projects including public realm improvements, hard and soft landscaping as well as hundreds of utilities projects each year covering gas, electricity and water.

By combining the skills and experience of our construction operations and those of our Infrastructure Development Business Unit, we have become a UK leader in Private Finance Initiative/Public Private Partnership schemes covering healthcare, education, defence, transportation and street lighting.

In December 2010, we announced our intention to establish a Residential Development Business in the UK. This decision followed a comprehensive review of the UK market, which identified a high-volume, long term need for high-quality residential properties in the UK. This, coupled with the extensive environmental requirements placed on new

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UK homes fits perfectly with Skanska's knowledge and experience .

Our business model is to integrate our core disciplines to deliver project solutions across our chosen market areas. By integrating all disciplines and working together with our clients, our partners and our supply chain, we make a real difference to the delivery of projects. We focus on creating sustainable solutions and we aim to be leaders in green construction, health and safety and business ethics. We work strictly in accordance with the Skanska Code of Conduct and to our Five Zeros, which reflect our core values: Zero loss-making projects, Zero accidents, Zero environmental incidents, Zero ethical breaches and Zero defects.

Our commitment to contribute to a more sustainable world is resolute. In June 2011, we were named the Greenest company in the UK across all industries in the Sunday Times Best Green Companies Awards. We seek to use our position to influence both our clients and our supply chain to make more sustainable decisions, taking a longer-term view over the infrastructure we develop. Our ability to demonstrate real responsibility to people, organisations and the environment in which we work attracts the next generation of talent who want to make a real difference.

Backed by the financial strength of, Skanska AB, we focus totally on our customers in the UK, understanding their needs.

We employ approximately 4,600 staff in the UK and undertake around £1.3 billion worth of work each year. We carry out all aspects of the construction, development and infrastructure process - from financing projects, through design and construction right through to facilities management, operation and maintenance.

Skanska is one of the world's leading project development and construction groups with expertise in construction, development of commercial and residential projects and public-private partnerships. Based on its global green experience, Skanska aims to be the clients' first choice for Green solutions. The Group currently has 52,000 employees in selected home markets in Europe, in the US and Latin America. Headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden and listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange, Skanska's sales in 2010 totalled around £11 billion.