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**Innovaré Demonstrates i-SIP Performance on Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3
Project in Southwark**

Innovaré Systems Ltd is working alongside Osborne Homes to supply its i-SIP Structural Insulated Panel system for a Code for Sustainable Homes (CSH) level three project in Southwark on behalf of Hexagon Housing Association.

Using a 162mm thick i-SIP panel, Baily Garner architects has been able to specify the building system with a U-value of 0.23W/m²K, helping the project achieve the required CSH level three status. The project includes a combination of flats and houses, with the flats constructed from the Innovaré i-SIP system on top of a concrete structure.

This scheme marks a stark contrast to another recently completed project by Innovaré where its i-SIP panels were used to construct an accommodation block at the Ashdown Forest Visitors Centre. The challenging design of the structure required the use of large format i-SIP panels with a high U-value to deliver both speed of build and improved performance of the building fabric, which was an important consideration given that the visitors centre remained open during the construction of the accommodation block.

“Gordon Road presents a challenge to us due to the tightness of the site, but we’re very familiar with the i-SIP system and have been impressed with how quickly we can construct the panels to complete the building fabric,” comments Paul Ensich, Operations Director for Osborne’s Homes Sector.

“We knew that if the structure of the building performs well, then we’d have no problem in achieving level three of the CSH whilst delivering a high-quality affordable housing project to our client.”

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Andrew Orriss, Managing Director of Innovaré Systems adds:

“The combination of flats and houses on this project required us to implement a different phasing of the scheme to ensure products arrived on-site at the time they were required. We’re pleased with how the project is progressing from our perspective and our close working relationship with Osborne Homes has played a key role in that, particularly given the tight site constraints and varied construction programme.

“Whilst our i-SIP system is ideally suited to social housing projects, the speed of build and sustainability benefits are relevant to many other sectors, as we’ve demonstrated on the Ashdown Forest project we’ve recently completed. Despite the Gordon Road and Ashdown Forest projects requiring two very different design approaches, both schemes benefit from reduced running costs due to the energy conservation performance of i-SIP.”

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Notes to the Editor:

Summary of Benefits

- Innovare Systems provides a single point of contact and responsibility for design, manufacturer supply and assembly on site of the i-SIP building system with collateral warranties, BBA certification and NHBC approvals all in place.
- Speed of construction – envelope typically completed in three days.
- Independently engineered to provide proven performance.
- Flexibility in design and build, more adaptable to different architectural designs.
- Exceeds the requirement of Approved Document L 2006.

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Note on Osborne

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