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Bachy Soletanche to Deliver Foundations for the Preston Western Distributor Road

Bachy Soletanche has been awarded a £5.6m contract by Costain, to deliver geotechnical works on the Preston Western Distributor Road.

Scheduled to open early in 2023, the £200m road scheme is the biggest new road programme in the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal. The Preston Western Distributor will link the A583 and the M55 motorway and will involve the construction of a new motorway junction, four new bridges and two viaducts.

During a ten-month period, Bachy Soletanche will construct foundations for four different elements; Lea Viaduct, Savick Brook Viaduct, Beconsall Bridge, and various gantries. The scheme will require approximately 260 rotary bored bearing piles, with diameters between 900mm and 1500mm, along with 150 CFA bearing piles with a diameter of 750mm.

Commenting on the award, Chris Merridew, Bachy Soletanche Managing Director, said: *“We have a strong relationship with Costain and our history of successfully delivering infrastructure projects has been recognised with the award of this contract. The team adopted a collaborative approach with both the client and engineer to develop the optimum solution, providing particular assistance with regards to different solutions, including the low headroom operations.”*

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Notes to Editors:

Bachy Soletanche

Bachy Soletanche is one of the UK's leading geotechnical specialists with a reputation for quality and innovation within the field of foundation and underground engineering.

Bachy Soletanche specialises in all aspects of modern geotechnics and foundation engineering, including large diameter bored piling (LDA), continuous flight auger piling (CFA), restricted access piling, diaphragm walls, restricted access piling, tunnelling, grouting and engineering to safeguard the environment. These techniques

are used to form a variety of structures from foundations to deep basements, underground car parks and shafts.

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