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WILLS BROS CIVIL ENGINEERING LTD. ACHIEVES CARBON NEUTRALITY

Wills Bros Civil Engineering Ltd (WBCEL) are the first civil engineering contractor in the world to be recognised by the United Nations as Carbon Neutral; after declaring a Climate Emergency through the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)'s climate emergency declaration.

Recognising the importance of the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, Wills Bros' Managing Director Jonathan Wills promptly signed the ICE's climate emergency declaration, reaffirming their position as civil engineers who are committed to delivering sustainable and climate-ready infrastructure.

Mr Wills said: "Committing to this cause is both part of our corporate responsibility and a sure way to mitigate long-term risk. We are glad to be pushing the boundaries of best practice and will strive forward in this regard".

In signing the ICE declaration, WBCEL committed to several climate action pledges including:

- Accelerating the shift to low embodied carbon materials; and
- Minimise wasteful use of resources through design, both in quantum and in detail.

September saw a noteworthy commitment achieved by WBCEL, a significant step forward in becoming a **Carbon Neutral Organisation** through partnership with One Carbon World. WBCEL has been working closely with One Carbon World to assess and verify the carbon footprint of their operations using the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) protocol (ISO 14064), and PAS 2060 (Carbon Neutrality) methodologies. In doing this it has enabled WBCEL to measure and offset Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions leading WBCEL to become "the first civil engineering contractor to become carbon neutral through this scheme, as well as achieving the internationally recognised UN Climate Neutral Status".

Retiring near 1,000 tonnes of carbon credits through certified carbon offsetting projects around the world, the WBCEL and One Carbon World partnership allowed for the funding of initiatives including clean energy projects, training on deforestation prevention, and reforestation in less economically developed countries around the globe.

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Completing the final step of the PAS 2060 methodology (communication) this very article assists WBCEL in communicating appropriately on Carbon Neutrality. Further to the requirements of PAS 2060, continuous innovation and improvement are areas that WBCEL are very familiar with. As part of this, WBCEL has committed to reducing their overall carbon footprint through the implementation of numerous carbon reduction initiatives including implementation of electric charge points at their latest infrastructure projects, adoption of CEEQUAL methodologies on their projects, and appointment of a sustainability team, and value engineering through their design teams.

Being both a Principal Designer and Principal Contractor places WBCEL in an opportune position to implement Carbon Efficient savings through the design, procurement, construction and delivery process. A few words from WBCEL's carbon focused team below reiterates this commitment:

"I am delighted that everyone in the organisation is invested in working toward carbon neutrality. With most organisations gaining buy-in from management is the most difficult hurdle to get over. With WBCEL, Jonathan Wills is proactive in ensuring an environmental legacy is left through the organisation and each of our projects."

Chris Landsburgh, Environmental Manager.

"As Design Team Manager, I am committed to ensuring we deliver carbon-efficient solutions across our portfolio. We are making leaps forward in driving down carbon through early involvement in the development process; and value engineering. Our carbon-conscious environment means low carbon options for design is possible".

Graham Lloyd, Technical Design Manager.

"Circular economy and whole life carbon are two elements that are growing within the procurement arena. Engaging and educating the supply chain early through our innovative Sustainable Procurement Policy ensures that we remain both cost and carbon efficient".

Graeme Lister, Procurement Manager.

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“You don't need to have a big company to embrace sustainability and carbon neutrality. It is about simple, effective decision making early on to ensure you are both cost and carbon-efficient. This is how we operate as a business to ensure a legacy is left in our constructing.”

John Stephens, Construction Manager.

Moving forward, WBCEL will be extending their calculations and reductions in their Scope 3 emissions which will take into account their waste, water and material carbon consumption across the business. Mr Wills remarked: We are delighted to be pioneering Carbon Neutrality and are happy to share best practice with industry, sharing sustainable solutions, and driving sustainability through the supply chain”.

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Notes to editors

Wills Bros Ltd. is a diverse civil engineering contracting company with an annual turnover in excess of €90,000,000 and is at the forefront of infrastructural development. Our success has been the result of our experience as the main contractor in the execution of both large and small contracts across a varied spectrum ranging from major motorway contracts, road realignments, landfill sites, marine works, site developments, water-related services, telecommunications and the leisure/public amenity sector.

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