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**HVAC Ductwork Specialists Report Record Business in Liverpool**

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**/24-7PressRelease/** - LANCASHIRE, UK, March 30, 2008 - The Liverpool construction boom has been a major boost for ductwork specialist, Senior Hargreaves. Just as the arena project on the waterfront nears completion they are poised to win a further ventilation services contract at another landmark city centre construction project. The company also report record breaking business for their Bootle Ductshop trade counter which provides HVAC equipment for contractors engaged in local regeneration projects.

The final fit out phase is underway at the Echo Arena and BT Conference and Exhibition complex. The two wings of the development are linked by a central galleria that provides access to all facilities and a pedestrian route to the riverside. Heating and ventilation ductwork installation was completed in time for handover of the arena for the Year of Culture events that began in January. A phased handover of the conference centre and galleria is planned, with total completion in April.

Combining a 10,000 seat multi-purpose arena for concerts and sports with a 1,350 seat auditorium and an exhibition space of 7000 square metres the multi-purpose complex presented a number of HVAC challenges. Flexibility for different events and levels of occupancy is a key element in the building services, designed by consultants Faber Maunsell. In turn, this is part of the energy conservation strategy for the building that matches rates of airflow, heating or cooling to the occupancy demand.

Hargreaves' project manager, Wayne Bunnell commented, "With most of the ductwork located the roof space, a complex roof structure and other services are also vying for space, this has been an externally challenging project."

"With so many landmark construction projects, Liverpool is certainly on the up, and it is great that Hargreaves can be involved in the large ductwork contracts like the Arena and also support the smaller projects through the Bootle trade Ductshop," concluded Phil Johnson, Hargreaves' director of Ductshops.

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