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RYDER'S £11.2 MILLION INTEGRATED POLICING FACILITY MOVES TOWARDS COMPLETION

With the completion of the base of the building, the Ryder-designed £11.2million 4,518 sqm, new Police Scotland facility at Kitty Brewster is progressing towards its planned handover early next year.

The facility, designed and built through the public and private partnership **hub North Scotland**, will comprise a state of the art 60 cell custody facility, a virtual court, an identity parade suite, a community policing team and supporting office accommodation.

2 km north of Aberdeen city centre, the linear site was derelict brownfield land, formerly a depot for Scottish Water, and splits into two distinct levels. The northern half of the site falls 2m from its highest level before there is an abrupt drop of approximately 6m to the lower part to the south. Utilising these existing upper and lower levels of the site to create separate entrance points for custody and office accommodation, the secure elements of the custody facility can be housed all on one lower level.

With a clearly identifiable main entrance plaza, the building will follow a simple organisational arrangement. The lower level custody facility will be clad in high quality precast concrete panels and will appear to merge into the landscape by the use of sedum roofs. In contrast, the single storey, light, glazed non secure ancillary office and support accommodation above, will be the visible face of the building and will be accessed directly from the upper parking area.

The project is due for completion and occupation by early 2014.

Project Team

Sweett Group	Project managers, CDM co-ordinators and cost consultant
Buro Happold	Structural engineers
Wallace Whittle	M+E engineers
Mansell	Main contractor

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Established in 1953, multi award winning practice Ryder Architecture operates from offices in Glasgow, Liverpool, London and Newcastle has an annual turnover of £7 million and employs 100 staff.

Ryder has achieved Sunday Times 100 Best Companies to Work For, 2013, and the practice has won two categories in this year's prestigious AJ100 Awards; New Member of the Year, and the Best Place to Work in the North East & Yorkshire.

2013 marks **60 years in practice** - an important milestone in Ryder's development. A series of events is planned which began with the launch of a retrospective which took place at RIBA HQ Portland Place in London in January. A diverse programme of research papers, debates and seminars will take place at various venues throughout the UK, focusing around a touring exhibition reviewing Ryder's projects and looking forward to the hopes and challenges of the next 60 years.

At the book launch event, senior partner, Peter Buchan, commented:

"To maintain consistency of output over 60 years of practice is a tough call. We have never tried to change; we have simply tried to improve the quality of our surroundings and in doing so, the quality of people's lives."

"The launch of this beautiful book is the first element in a whole year of events to mark our 60th birthday. We began the year on a positive note with a very productive meeting of the Ryder-led campaign to reform built environment education in the UK. Our other plans include a series of exhibitions – in Glasgow, Newcastle, London and Liverpool – combined with practice led research papers, seminars and debates."

Ryder has established a number of key partnerships and collaborations to strengthen and focus its offer, including TFP | Ryder, the collaboration in China and Hong Kong with Farrell's.

With an enviable portfolio of clients and projects, the practice operates globally across a wide range of sectors including education, healthcare, industrial, infrastructure, leisure, office, community, residential and science.

Ryder continues to pioneer the adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM), having established BIM Academy, a unique collaboration between the private sector and academia which provides training, consultancy and research and development to the international construction sector.

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