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Government forms Construction Industry Response Team

The Government of Jersey has established a Construction Industry Response Team, in partnership with the Jersey Construction Council and representatives from the relevant sectors to ensure measures are in place to protect the future of the industry and support businesses within the sector.

The Government of Jersey is committed to minimising the long-term effects of this crisis by implementing coordinated, meaningful and swift action. The local construction industry accounts for approximately employs 10% of the labour market, with over 1,300 businesses providing services.

John Rogers, who is leading the Response Team said:

“In these uncertain times, it is essential that Government supports all construction industry areas including; building, engineering, civil works, maintenance and design services. The team has been formed to provide an urgent response to this unfolding global situation. It is important the industry has confidence in the Government’s ability to provide meaningful assistance at both a strategic and tactical level.”

The first phase has been to make sure the Government of Jersey capital schemes under construction are continuing with strict rules of worker separation to make sure we deliver in a safe environment.

We have set out short, medium and long-term measures to reassure the industry that by planning now, we can monitor, support and provide clear leadership for the Industry at this challenging time.

This is a joint response working with the industry, other states companies and Government to make sure we do the right things at the right times over this challenging and changing period.

Martin Holmes, Chairman of the Jersey Construction Council commented:

“We welcome this proactive and timely engagement with the Government to ensure that the industry that provides the essential infrastructure of our island is supported through this unprecedented crisis to help mitigate the immediate financial difficulties that our many businesses face and to plan for a sustainable future”

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Notes to Editors

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