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## RSKENSr Verification Statement

George Wimpey UK has put considerable effort into ensuring it's operations continue to be both commercially sustainable, whilst also meeting challenging environmental targets in 2006, this in spite of a number of growing industry pressures within the marketplace.

The continued registration of the organisation's Environmental Management System to ISO14001 has seen a further six operating companies undertaking a full re-certification audit programme from both within the organisation and also by their third party certification body BSi.

As ever, the increasing pressure to develop on Brownfield land has seen some innovative and challenging remediation projects and is showcasing some the benefits of having an accredited management system such as ISO14001, whilst also highlighting GWUK's credentials when it comes to site development and overall environmental management.

Continuing development of the management system has led to changes in the system documentation and in line with recent and forthcoming legislative variations. The organisation is now also looking towards further integration within their Health, Safety and Environmental management System, developing a forward thinking integrated strategy for both audits and implementation of controls.

Great steps have been taken in 2006 to tackle the issues of waste on site in a proactive manner. A specialist team was set up to review waste generation on sites within the organisation and how this can be tackled further. Minimisation programmes, campaign materials and audits have now resulted in the development of a role within each business unit as a "Waste Champion". Something, which is intended to roll throughout 2006 and onwards.

With the advent of a Head of Procurement at Head Office, the hard work conducted in 2005 and 2006 with respect to Green Procurement and surveying national suppliers in relation to their "green credentials" is set to become a key business driver and will ensure that a forward thinking organisation such as GWUK has truly integrated the concept of sustainable development into it's business operations and assured it's own credentials for years to come.

With all this work continuing to add benefit to both their client base and the environment, GWUK should see increased benefits over their competitors and firmly establish them as the number one UK environmentally responsible homebuilder.

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