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# POCHIN POST

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## New World Record at Heathrow

"We are delighted to set another world record"



T5 - HEATHROW

Pochin Concrete Pumping has set the new record for the furthest distance of concrete pumped following its latest project at Heathrow Airport.

The company has been involved in the new Terminal 5 building and has pumped concrete over a distance of 1,800 metres as part of the works to construct two new underground railway extensions that will bring the Heathrow Express and London Underground Piccadilly Line into the new terminal.

In a deal worth £250,000 Pochin's has supplied a 240KW diesel static pump with the expertise of onsite operator Sean Kielty, who has been involved in a number of similar projects, as well as 1,800 metres of pipeline.

Pochin's director David Pochin said "We are on course to complete the pumping to be in the position to set another world record. The construction of the railway track is a complex procedure and we are on course to complete the pumping in line with the plans for the whole terminal."

Said Mike Millar, project director for Balfour Beatty Rail Projects, who is leading the construction of the two rail projects on behalf of Client BAA: "We chose Pochin because of their abilities and previous successful projects in this area, particularly given the team's previous pumping record when working at Terminal 4."

Heathrow Terminal 5 is due to be opened in March 2008.



M60

## No More Jams!

A £102 million AMEC-Alfred McAlpine project is underway that will see major improvements to the M60 in Manchester. The works, taking place between junction 5 at Northern Moor and junction 8 at Stretford, will be widened by one lane in each direction.

Pochin's involvement has seen the company carry out several 700m<sup>2</sup> bridge deck pours on each carriageway.

## Top of the Class

In the past 18 months, 40 operators from Pochin's Concrete Pumping division have achieved the Specialised Plant and Machinery Operations NVQ Level 2, with a further 60 operators set to complete their training by the end of the year.

A strong belief in investing in its people, Pochin has encouraged and supported its staff through providing on site facilities to assist in them achieving the qualifications in line with Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) regulations.

David Pochin, director at Pochin Concrete Pumping said: "Pochin has always had a strong training philosophy and felt that it was important to give its plant operators this training, which gives our clients the reassurance that Pochin's operators are trained to a certain level and standard way above the competition."

## New Plans for Inverie



INVERIE PIER

Little-known island Inverie, part of the Knoydart Peninsula in the Scottish Highlands, is to undergo a £6.5 million regeneration project that will see the construction of a new pier. The scheme is one greatly anticipated by the Knoydart community as, until now, the island has only been accessible by sea.

Pochin's complex task on the development was to pump a total of 4,500m<sup>3</sup> of concrete underwater, placed by divers to set anchor blocks for the foundation of the pier.

Inverie is the fourth pier to be built as part of the Small Isles pier improvements at Knoydart, following on from previous constructions at Muck, Rum and Eigg.

## Joint venture tackles renovation of Victoria Square

Pochin Concrete Pumping, in a joint venture with Belfast based concrete pumping company McAleer, has embarked on a new urban renovation project in the heart of Belfast at Victoria Square.

The project will see the development of a new £300 million retail centre, featuring a 35 metre glass dome that will offer excellent views of the city. Pochin's involvement in the scheme will see the JV supply 2 Schwing SPB 30 metre placing booms with mast,



VICTORIA SQUARE

which will be operated by McAleer Concrete Pumping.

Other areas of the development are underway, with an underground car park due to be completed in summer 2006.



WHESOE MILFORD HAVEN

## L.N.G Terminal at Milford Haven

Work has commenced on a £185 million L.N.G terminal for Whessoe - Volker Steven JV at Milford Haven, one of only a handful of L.N.G terminals to be commissioned in the UK.

The terminals, which will comprise tanks, jetty and process areas, will be used for gas storage. Pochin began work at the site in June with base pours and there is in excess of 30,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete to be poured in tanks measuring 80 metres in length and 40 metres in height.

Pochin is expected to complete the project in December 2006