

Media Release

MOD awards contract for redevelopment of Beacon Barracks

London, 8 November 2013-The Ministry of Defence (MOD) has awarded the contract for the multi-million pound redevelopment of Beacon Barracks, Stafford to Lend Lease.

This paves the way for new and refurbished technical, working and single living accommodation to be provided at the barracks in preparation for the move of two signal regiments from their current bases in Germany .

Today's contract award follows a procurement process run by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), which is responsible for managing land and property on behalf of the MOD.

The redevelopment of the barracks is part of the BORONA Programme. This aims to close Rhine Garrison and Münster Station in Germany in order to make significant savings for defence.

The current phase of the programme will see 16 Signal Regiment and 1 Armoured Division Signal Regiment move to Beacon Barracks in the summer of 2015, allowing for the full closure of Rhine Garrison by the following March.

Redevelopment work is expected to start immediately and the barracks will remain home to 22 Signal Regiment and the Tactical Supply Wing (RAF) while it is taking place. The MOD is currently working with the local authorities and service providers in Stafford to prepare for the arrival of the two regiments.

Pat Boyle, Executive General Manager at Lend Lease, said:

“We are delighted to continue our long-standing support of the MoD and DIO following the award of this prestigious project. We hope to provide the forces with the best possible facilities.”

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Notes to editors

1. The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) is part of the Ministry of Defence (MOD). It is responsible for managing and maintaining land and properties to meet the current and future needs of the MOD and personnel at home and abroad, and to support current operations.
2. Our work includes providing, supporting and improving: operational units; single living and service family accommodation; training areas and historic military sites. DIO actively manages these to ensure the needs of Defence are met, value for money is achieved, our heritage is protected and to achieve our environmental goals.
3. The BORONA Programme is responsible for the overall project management of the move of the two signal regiments. For more information on the BORONA Programme, please see www.army.mod.uk/BORONA. The remaining unit moves out of Germany will be implemented as part of the Army Basing Plan, which was announced by the Secretary of State for Defence on 5 March 2013.
4. Defence Contracts Online features an electronic advertising service (e-Notice system) which allows companies who wish to compete for MOD business to see MOD procurement opportunities. The opportunities are updated daily through the MOD Procurement Portal (www.contracts.mod.uk) and published every two weeks in the Defence Contracts Bulletin magazine (DCB).

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Lend Lease's notes to editors:

1. Lend Lease is a leading international property and infrastructure group. In the UK, it is the only fully integrated retail, residential and commercial provider delivering end-to-end property solutions. The company has core capabilities in development, investment management, construction, asset and property management.
2. Lend Lease is behind some of London's largest and most exciting mixed-use regeneration projects such as Elephant & Castle and The International Quarter.
3. Lend Lease is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and operates in four key regions – Australia, Asia, Americas and EMEA (Europe, Middle East, Africa). The group has more than 17,000 employees worldwide.
4. Lend Lease is listed on the Dow Jones World Sustainability Index (DJSI) and in 2012 ranked in the top eight per cent of property companies, achieving scores of 90 per cent or higher in a range of categories.