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Expansion into the UK: HOCHTIEF strengthens European data network

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Establishment of HOCHTIEF Data Center Partner Limited

- **HOCHTIEF establishes Data Center Partner Limited in the United Kingdom**
- **Goal: A comprehensive network of sustainable EDGE data centers**
- **Warren Taylor appointed Managing Director to lead UK expansion**

HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions is consistently advancing the rollout of its European data center strategy. With the establishment of HOCHTIEF Data Center Partner Limited, the company is now transferring its successful German business model to the UK and Irish markets. The newly founded entity will be led by Warren Taylor, a seasoned expert in real estate and technology. The goal is to build a robust network of high-performance, sustainable, and regionally integrated data centers across the British Isles.

This expansion responds to the growing demand for computing capacity and cloud services. According to market research firm IMARC, the global market for edge data centers is projected to grow from approximately USD 13 billion in 2024 to around USD 48 billion by 2033, representing a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.6%. In the UK alone, the cloud

services market is expected to reach approximately USD 42 billion in 2025, with a projected CAGR of 18.7%, rising to around USD 83 billion by 2029, according to data from Statista.

German success model goes international

The launch of HOCHTIEF Data Center Partner Limited is part of HOCHTIEF's broader strategy to establish a pan-European network of sustainable, decentralized EDGE data centers. In collaboration with Thomas-Krenn.AG, HOCHTIEF has already founded the joint venture Yorizon. Yorizon enhances HOCHTIEF's YEXIO data centers with high-performance hardware from Thomas-Krenn and provides innovative cloud computing solutions that support digital sovereignty. The first data center will open in Heiligenhaus, Germany, in summer 2025. Sites for four additional centers have already been secured.

HOCHTIEF is now adapting this proven model for the UK and Ireland. “With HOCHTIEF Data Center Partner Limited, we’re bringing a forward-looking and sustainable concept to the UK – tailored to local needs and aligned with high standards for energy efficiency, security, and urban integration,” says Ian Prescott, Managing Director of HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions UK & Ireland.

Experienced leadership for market entry

Warren Taylor has been appointed Managing Director of HOCHTIEF Data Center Partner Limited. Previously, following roles at Rolls-Royce and the Morgan Sindall Group, he spent ten years at UK property developer Cityheart. He will drive the UK expansion in close collaboration with the leadership team at HOCHTIEF Data Center Partner GmbH in Germany. “This is an incredibly exciting time to join HOCHTIEF Data Center Partner,” says Taylor. “With the backing of the global HOCHTIEF Group, we have access to a wealth of expertise and resources – putting us in a strong position to deliver this urgently needed critical infrastructure in cities across the UK and Ireland.”

HOCHTIEF’s YEXIO data centers follow a comprehensive green IT approach focused on maximum energy efficiency, sustainable construction, and strong local integration. They feature liquid cooling systems, the use of local renewable energy, integration into municipal heating networks, and software solutions designed to meet the highest standards of security and compliance. Architecturally, the centers stand out with green façades, timber construction, and a commitment to high urban design quality.

Driving SME digitalization and sustainable urban development

“These projects make a significant contribution to the digital transformation of small and medium-sized enterprises, to strengthening regional data processing capabilities, and to achieving modern urban development and climate goals,” says Bernd Holtwick, member of the management board at HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions. With an order backlog exceeding EUR 8 billion, HOCHTIEF is already one of the leading data center construction providers.

HOCHTIEF is an engineering-led global infrastructure solutions provider with leading positions in North America, Australia and Europe and a rapidly expanding presence in high-tech, energy transition and sustainable infrastructure markets. With around 43,600 employees and a sales volume of EUR 33.3 billion in 2024, HOCHTIEF is the leading construction management and green building company in the US (through Turner), the largest contractor in the Australia infrastructure services market (CIMIC), a key player in U.S. transportation infrastructure (Flatiron-Dragados) and a renowned civil engineering and building construction company in Europe. The Group’s PPP and infrastructure development activity is complemented by its 20% stake in the leading international toll road concessions operator Abertis. HOCHTIEF’s strong competitive position is underpinned by the Group’s engineering know-how, innovative digital systems and supply chain & logistics solutions. Thanks to its long-standing commitment to sustainability, HOCHTIEF, where green projects account for almost 50% of Group sales, has been listed in the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices since 2006 and is committed to delivering on its ESG agenda including a net-zero target for 2045. Further information is available at www.hochtief.com

HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions develops, implements and operates infrastructure projects in the areas of roads, social infrastructure, energy and digital solutions. With an interdisciplinary approach, the company offers future-proof and sustainable concepts that are both ecologically and economically convincing. Around 300 employees at the locations in Essen and in the business units and offices in Greece, the UK and the Netherlands work together to shape the cities of tomorrow. HOCHTIEF PPP Solutions focuses on a holistic perspective that integrates all aspects of modern urban development - from energy efficiency and digitalization to sustainable resource management. The company offers its public-sector partners tailor-made solutions that cover the entire life cycle of infrastructure projects, combining efficiency, sustainability and future viability.