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**European Construction Institute joins BRE**

The European Construction Institute (ECI) has become part of BRE alongside Constructing Excellence with effect from 1 September 2017.

Working with and for its membership, the ECI mission is to drive project execution and delivery best practice across the international engineering construction sector. The move is designed to strengthen and grow the ECI membership and its positive impact on the sector at a time of significant global challenge.

ECI’s core themes are Project delivery; Leadership and people development; Innovation and technology; and Safety, health, environment and quality (SHEQ). The synergies in themes between Constructing Excellence focused on the built environment primarily in the UK and the ECI on engineering construction in the international market together with transferable expertise, experience and resources strengthens both organisations for mutual benefit. Together, the aim is to enable all parties engaged in international projects in the built environment and engineering construction sectors to collaborate and benefit from collective learning and experience so that the challenges preventing successful project delivery and outcomes can be addressed to enable clients, contractors and the supply network to prosper.

John Fotherby, ECI Executive Board Chair, said “ECI has a strong vision for the engineering construction sector and the merger with BRE provides us with the opportunity to strengthen our influence and deliver superior value for our members around the world. We are all delighted by this development and look forward to sharing knowledge and best practice to benefit the industry.”

Peter Bonfield CEO of BRE said “ECI has always represented a movement for positive change, harnessing the energy and commitment of many hundreds of organisations at a regional and national level across Europe. BRE, ECI and Constructing Excellence are trusted and independent brands who have worked closely together for many years - the synergies are strong. We share the core objective of creating a better project delivery sector for all. We are very pleased about this.”

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. The ECI was previously set up and run by Loughborough University since 1990. The ECI Executive Board Chair is John Fotherby, Chairman, Kingsfield Consulting International Ltd. More information is available at www.eci-online.org
2. BRE is an international, multi-disciplinary, building science centre with a mission to improve buildings through research and knowledge generation. We are owned by a charity called the BRE Trust, which is the largest single funder of education and research for the built environment. www.bregroup.com
3. Constructing Excellence became part of BRE in August 2016. It is a membership-funded best practice movement dedicated to excellence through collaboration in the housing, building and civil engineering sectors in the UK and internationally. www.constructingexcellence.org.uk