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Atkins wins major London Signalling Contract

Network Rail has awarded a major signalling upgrade for the London Overground to Atkins.

The project, worth over £40 million, will see a new signalling system designed and installed on the line (formerly known as the North London Line) which is currently under-going a major refurbishment paid for by both Network Rail and Transport for London.

Atkins has been appointed as the signalling works contractor tasked with taking the project from detailed design to final close. The work will boost capacity and is designed to benefit commuters as well as helping London 2012 visitors get to the Olympic Park in Stratford.

David Tonkin, managing director of Atkins rail business said: "We have a proven track record of delivering complex projects under pressure and we believe that is why we have been chosen to lead this work. As one of the key rail routes in to the Olympic Park area in Stratford the London Overground will be extremely important in the summer of 2012."

Network Rail will deliver the TfL project which will form part of the London 2012 Olympic Games transport commitments. The work will take place in a very thin corridor in a highly congested area so it will be challenging. One of these challenges will be the significant number of sites where the new signalling will join with existing infrastructure.

The project is due for completion in 2011.

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Notes to editors:

Atkins (www.atkinsglobal.com) is a multinational engineering and design consultancy, providing expertise to help resolve complex challenges presented by the built and natural environment. Atkins is the largest multidisciplinary consultancy in Europe, the largest engineering consultancy in both the UK and the Middle East, and the UK's second largest architecture firm.

Recent projects include:

- Major infrastructure works, such as the design and programme management of the civil works for the Dubai Metro red and green lines;
- High profile transport planning and urban design – a scheme to deliver a diagonal crossing at London's Oxford Circus will help solve the problem of pedestrian crowding;
- Key rail projects – helping improve train times on the West Coast Main Line through the design, installation, testing and commissioning of new signalling at Rugby and Nuneaton;
- Multidisciplinary building design – North Road Primary School in Darlington is an exemplar project which raises standards for environmental design and community engagement;
- Vital water and environmental projects – as part of a joint venture, Atkins is providing technical assistance to the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Reform Programme in Nigeria, which will benefit up to three million people.

Atkins was named among the 20 Best Big Companies to Work For 2009 by *The Sunday Times*; *The Times* Top 100 Graduate Employers 2008; and *The Times* Top 50 Companies Where Women Want to Work 2008. The company was construction sector winner for the third consecutive year in the Target National Graduate Recruitment Awards 2008.

Atkins is the official engineering design services provider for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.