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### OVERSEAS CONSTRUCTION BY BRITISH FIRMS - 2001 REPORT

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The accompanying table shows overseas construction activity by British-based contractors during 2001. The figures cover all overseas building & civil engineering contracts that are controlled from the UK.

#### **New Contracts**

Provisional figures indicate that, in 2001, British construction companies secured overseas contracts worth £4.7 billion compared with £3.9 billion won in 2000. The largest increase was for Africa but all areas apart from the Middle East and Oceania showed an increase. North America accounted for almost 40% of the total with countries of the European Union accounting for a further 15%.

#### **Work Done**

The value of work done during 2001 was £4.6 billion compared with £3.9 billion during 2000. Only the Middle East and Oceania experienced a decrease.

#### **Work Outstanding**

At the end of 2001, the value of work outstanding stood at £5.0 billion, some £100 million higher than the £4.9 billion at the end of 2000, with the increases for countries in Europe and Africa and decreases for Hong Kong and countries in the Middle East..

The graphs illustrate the trends in overseas construction activity during the period 1991-2001.

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

1. The information comes from an annual survey of all British firms involved in overseas construction. The survey covers only building & civil engineering contracts which are controlled from the UK with process engineering and power plant projects being excluded. For management contracts, only the fee income is collected.
2. Where overseas work is conducted through an associate company, only the proportion representing British ownership is included.
3. Firms are asked to provide information for individual countries in sterling using the currency exchange rates from their annual accounts. However, in the published information, countries are combined so that information about individual firms cannot be identified.

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**OVERSEAS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY BY BRITISH COMPANIES**

£m (current prices)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000 r	2001 p
<b>NEW CONTRACTS</b>											
Europe	105	184	310	451	764	656	420 r	444	621 r	822	870
of which											
European Union	83	70	271	407	639	551	297	294	546 r	618	773
Middle East	238	235	403	607	406	371	464	446	522	365	334
Far East	568	897	750	975	1,607	983	931	887 r	905 r	464	734
of which											
Hong Kong	140	723	471	637	1,034	510	354	527	702 r	276	325
Africa	268	251	234	289	285	341	310	174	261	117	535
Americas	970	1,271	1,669	1,384	2,244	2,026	1,617	2,017	1,216	1,846	1,931
of which											
North America	905	1,158	1,540	1,275	2,135	1,978	1,538	1,904	1,145	1,748	1,778
Oceania	200	153	227	279	234	334	270	259	384	321	308
<b>All countries</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>3,985</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>4,012</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>3,909</b>	<b>3,935</b>	<b>4,712</b>
of which											
OECD countries	1,198	1,478	2,024	1,884	2,981	2,866	2,061	2,480	2,107 r	2,698	2,866
<b>WORK DONE</b>											
Europe	179	181	253	373	419	602	538	496	474 r	571	760
of which											
European Union	120	137	178	275	365	500	443	388	365 r	461	608
Middle East	220	262	347	315	459	441	472	439	433	480	468
Far East	261	399	717	936	992	1,377	1,201	960	798	693	802
of which											
Hong Kong	141	190	409	564	587	890	694	549	416	410	537
Africa	180	215	183	233	265	363	151	202	200	158	259
Americas	1,167	1,180	1,218	1,296	1,567	1,626	1,660	1,891	1,276	1,668	2,002
of which											
North America	1,109	1,100	1,102	1,178	1,471	1,559	1,583	1,808	1,176	1,585	1,887
Oceania	310	222	227	227	268	286	278	270	283	319	283
<b>All countries</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>2,459</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>3,380</b>	<b>3,970</b>	<b>4,695</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,258</b>	<b>3,464</b>	<b>3,889</b>	<b>4,574</b>
of which											
OECD countries	1,542	1,476	1,565	1,728	2,082	2,298	2,264	2,466	1,842 r	2,374	2,796
<b>WORK OUTSTANDING</b>											
Europe	170	151	212	301	657	790	637 r	572 r	679 r	938	1,039
of which											
European Union	137	47	144	275	567	698	517	413	545 r	712	872
Middle East	195	222	291	582	524	432	626	546	636	525	370
Far East	589	1,117	1,208	1,235	1,830	1,443	1,124	1,006 r	1,100 r	855	792
of which											
Hong Kong	120	666	730	797	1,223	812	510	484	766 r	631	428
Africa	297	343	350	401	415	390	461	291	336	288	551
Americas	1,049	1,270	1,589	1,772	2,452	2,791	2,656	2,773	1,828	2,044	2,002
of which											
North America	993	1,179	1,478	1,671	2,338	2,697	2,562	2,650	1,734	1,935	1,857
Oceania	147	87	106	160	125	172	161	153	251	252	277
<b>All countries</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>6,003</b>	<b>6,018</b>	<b>5,665</b>	<b>5,341</b>	<b>4,830</b>	<b>4,902</b>	<b>5,031</b>
of which											
OECD countries	1,285	1,402	1,778	2,036	2,948	3,540	3,223	3,260	2,575 r	2,950	3,045

r = revised    p = provisional

# Overseas Construction by British Firms

