CONTRACT AWARD – BLINDWELLS EARTHWORKS

Civil Engineering Division is pleased to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious Blindwells Earthworks project at the former open cast coal mine site adjacent to the A1 at Tranent. This award is our first contract with the client Hargreaves Services Plc and will see us provide the enabling works for a new village in excess of 3000 houses.

The site is bordered by the A1 trunk road to the south, and the main east coast railway line to the north. The general works consist of re-profiling to a formation level and constructing surcharging mounds to induce settlement and consolidation of the previously backfilled open cast site. Once settlement has occurred, 2.5m in depth is to be excavated across the site and re-filled in layers using the HEIC (High Energy Impact Compaction) process. Other works include construction of a new access into the site and diversion of an existing water course and associated drainage.

These substantial bulk earthworks will comprise of:

1. Topsoil Strip (215,000m³)
2. General cut/fill to re-profile to formation levels (415,000m³)
3. Construction of surcharging mounds (3,335,000m³)
4. HEIC Excavations and Compactions (685,000m³)

The contract commenced 9th July and will take 174 weeks to complete. This is a significant win for the company and one, which represents both secured income over a 3-year period and great potential going forward.