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Cork City Hall — The Cranes Say It All!

Dedicated 64-page Issue on Cork’s Construction Boom
ECOLUTION is the new generation of split, multi-split and VRF inverter systems from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.

Packed with new features, our intelligent design ensures high performance combined with ultra energy efficiency. All models are now quieter, smaller and lighter, allowing a simple and neat installation for applications from a single room to an entire building.

ECOLUTION - high performance solution.
Corcaigh Abú!

With something like €2 billion already spent on construction and infrastructure projects over the last two years alone, it is hardly surprising that the entire physical, social and cultural fabric of Cork City and County has dramatically changed.

Even more important still is the cohesive manner in which this process is being managed. Both City and County officials have been dynamic, yet controlled. The various strategies adopted are well thought out and, for the most part, have delivered excellent results. There also appears to be a very strong understanding between city and council officials and the private sector.

Working together they are creating a new Cork but one which, despite the rate and intensity of change, still retains the fundamental elements of the city's and county's character and landscape.

It is quite a remarkable achievement and one which augurs well for the massive development programme planned for the next few years.

BSNews wishes to acknowledge the contribution of Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Mr Micheál Martin, TD, who has written a special foreword (see page 2).
Ministers Message

As a Corkman I am delighted that BSNews dedicated this latest edition to a special profile on Cork. Over the last 20 years Cork city and county have undergone phenomenal changes. The decision of so many international market leaders to locate in Cork reflects the strengths of the city’s economy, and its attractiveness to successful multinationals around the world.

The construction sector in Cork has delivered facilities and projects to these companies that are world class and state-of-the-art, and this is an essential element of the success story that is Cork today.

Cork is very much at the forefront of the great progress our country has seen over recent years. It is a vibrant and successful place at the cutting edge, both nationally and internationally. While at one time Cork may have been known for the scale of the problems it faced, it is now known as a model to be copied. Central to this is the talent, hard work and enterprise of the people of Cork.

Today most of the world leaders in pharmaceuticals, data storage, pc systems, software development, shared-services and multilingual technical support are based in Cork. In all 65 international firms are based here and employ thousands of people. Irish-owned firms have also played a central role in Cork’s growth and today there are 22 such firms operating in Cork.

Ireland has been spectacularly successful as a country over the past decade, but we now face new challenges. We have to move to a more advanced level of investment, bearing in mind the higher costs and lower level of unemployment we now experience.

In Cork, as elsewhere, there is a need to mobilise initiatives and resources on a regional rather than on a purely local basis, so as to compete effectively with other strong regions, cities and countries. I’m happy to say that Cork is now very well positioned to do that.
No power? The unique solution

ECO G 3 Way Gas Heat Pump: 20HP

Building on the success of the 2 pipe GHP Range, SANYO are proud to introduce the new 3 Way ECO G Gas Heat Pump, the only GHP VRF System to provide simultaneous heating and cooling.

Unlike traditional electric VRF systems, the ECO G range uses natural gas or lpg as the main source of power and only requires a single phase power supply to provide 56.0kW of cooling and 67.0kW of heating.

In Japan, the world's largest market for VRF, Gas Heat Pump systems account for 40% of the total market and SANYO, with 19 years of GHP experience are the clear market leaders.

- Simultaneous heating and cooling
- 56.0kW nominal cooling capacity
- Single phase power supply
- 100% cooling and heating capacity even at -20°C
- Maximum running current 5.4 amps
- 10 indoor model styles, 11 indoor model capacities

Whether choosing from the ECO G GHP range because of power problems or lower lifecycle costs, you'll find it simple to apply, install and maintain. The units also qualify for the Enhanced Capital Allowance Scheme.

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All round air conditioning by SANYO
Cork city and county is booming. The landscape is changing on an almost daily basis, with the proliferation of construction sites in the city being mirrored by the massive number, and diverse range, of developments scattered all across the county itself. A skyline pock-marked by massive crane jibs and roads congested with convoys of vehicles servicing literally hundreds of construction sites bear testimony to what is undoubtedly a massive resurgence of commerce in the region.
Halton Capture Ray Kitchen Canopies from Entropic

Combining multi-cyclone filters with ultra violet technology.

Ever thought of exhausting at low level or into a basement carpark? Now you can.

The benefits are:
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But it was not always so in Cork. Even as recently as the year 2000 the Tiger Economy — which was rampant in Dublin — seemed to be passing Cork by. But then in 2001 Cork was designated European Capital of Culture for 2005 while, at the same time, investment in infrastructural projects were also beginning to bear fruit.

The facelift at the city’s main thoroughfare of St Patrick Street undeniably did much to improve the atmosphere in the city centre, providing more space for pedestrians, and a home for street theatre and entertainment. Renowned Catalan architect, Beth Gali was responsible.

Another example was the completion of the €300 million main drainage works in the city, culminating with a new wastewater treatment plant costing €100 million at Carrigenan. The city’s parking and traffic problems were also eased with the superb Black Ash Park & Ride facility, and the North City Link Road.

With these initiatives came a new-found sense of pride, confidence and optimism. Business picked up, more tourists came to visit, and an enlightened City Council — with City Manager Joe Gavin at the helm — devised a strategically-planned vision that would transform the City and County of Cork. Even more important still was their determination and zeal in seeing to it that the plan was implemented.

Critically, the plan is constantly being re-evaluated in line with the changing retail, commercial, residential and cultural requirements of the city, thereby making it vibrant and dynamic. This, in turn, has spawned and cultivated an entrepreneurial spirit in respect of construction activity, and led to the emergence of new, locally-bred, developers who are now gaining a foothold on the national stage.

As Joe Gavin told the local Evening Echo recently: “Our prime role is to create the environment to enable the private sector to deliver good development in the city. Our job is to act as facilitators, to be supportive of good-quality development, and to provide the infrastructure to allow it happen. Private investors are investing heavily here in terms of retail, offices and hotels, and all of that is very welcome.” Looking to the future, Mr Gavin predicts that Cork will enjoy a 50% increase in city retail size from one million sq ft to 1.5 million sq ft between now and 2009.

In the last three years alone something like €2 billion has been spent on major construction projects in Cork city and county. Nearly 6000 homes were built in 2004 with completions for 2005 set to hit 7000. On the commercial front 450,000 sq ft of third-generation office space, along with 500,000 sq ft of retail space, will be completed within the next three years.

As well as the city itself, what’s called the Metropolitan Area — the satellite towns and areas in the immediate hinterland of the City of Cork — will in time be serviced by an integrated rail and bus service, thereby fuelling further growth. Included in this category are Ballincollig, Blarney, Carrigaline, Douglas, Glanmire, Glounthaune, Carringtowhill, Midleton and Cobh.

In October 2001 Cork City Council and Cork County Council adopted the jointly-prepared Cork Area Strategic Plan 2001-2020 (CASP), which encompasses a current population of about 350,000 people. The CASP covers areas of Cork within an approximate journey time of 45 minutes from the city, and is therefore larger than the more central Metropolitan area. It envisages population growth of 23%, with 62,000 new homes built (12,000 in Cork city) and 40,000 new jobs required in the study area during the lifetime of the plan.

As the foregoing illustrates, construction activity in the greater Cork region is at an all-time high.

Much has been achieved, great things are currently underway, but this is merely the tip of the iceberg. The best is yet to come!
Meet the A-team
Amazingly adaptable

By popular demand, Grundfos has steadily expanded the MAGNA range to the point where it now boasts a total of 27 different models - all with the AUTOADAPT function.
The new Magna range provides flows from as little as 1 m³/h up to 39 m³/h.
All MAGNA pumps are labelled A on the energy scale.
The name Manotherm is synonymous with instruments and controls in Ireland. The company was established in 1958 with the objective of providing instrumentation and control solutions for both process and research industries using the most advanced products available. These industries are well established in the Cork region and, over the years, Manotherm has established itself as the leading supplier to this sector.

The expansive scope of the range provides competitively-priced precision instruments for measuring, transmitting and controlling pressure, temperature, level and flow. The product types include flow, level, temperature, pressure, humidity, valves, and infrared measuring devices.

Market segments catered for include pharmaceutical, food, water, power generation, chemical, semiconductor, HVAC, oil and gas. As such it is ideally suited to the changing face of Cork where projects reflecting the aforementioned application requirements are now materialising at an incredible rate.

A recent addition to the range is the new SFI-100T low-cost, sight-flow, indicator/transmitter from Dwyer Instruments. This durable paddle-wheel style flow indicator with output sensor uses no magnets in the paddlewheel to attract ferrous materials. Construction is of a rugged, solid brass body with tempered glass window that enables viewing of the bright red PBT paddlewheel.

Units are constructed of all ultraviolet stabilised materials for outdoor service. The A-711T output sensor has a pulsed VDC output for flow rate and totalisation. For added versatility there are two output choices of 5 VDC or a VDC equal to the input power supplied of 8 to 28 VDC. The output is compatible with digital rate meters/totalizers and other electronic systems.

The SFI-100T has an excellent pressure rating of 125 psi (8.62 bar), temperature rating of 93°C, and chemical compatibility. It is compact and weatherproof, and the A-711T output sensor package can be replaced on existing units in the field. Easy maintenance is assured with interior access afforded by the removable front window. It is perfect for water purification, laser cooling, water injection, chillers, and other demanding applications.

Also new from Manotherm is the Love Controls Series TSS dual-stage temperature switch. This microprocessor-based switch is an economical alternative for many heating, cooling, and static defrost timing applications. The unit is designed to accept up to two inputs with independent 8 Amp relay output for dual stage control.

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While relatively young in company terms (Core Air Conditioning was established in 1996) the combined knowledge and experience of company personnel represents something like 120 years. Moreover, the diversity and all-embracing nature of this knowledge base and experience means that virtually all possible permutations are catered for. Quality of service coupled with quality products from brand-leading names such as Carrier, Liebert Hiross and LG is the cornerstone upon which success to date has been achieved.

From the time Willis Haviland Carrier invented the basics of modern air conditioning in 1902, Carrier has been the world leader in the manufacture and sale of heating, ventilating, air conditioning, hvac systems and products. Industry breakthroughs are commonplace for Carrier, AquaSnap Puron being one of the latest innovative developments to set a new industry benchmark. Based on the concept of the successful AquaSnap range, the new, more powerful, AquaSnap Puron covers capacities from 190kW to 760kW, and is available in cooling only or heat pump versions. It combines maximum efficiencies with environmental responsibility.

With AquaSnap Puron there is no need for additional plant room space as all components are integrated within the hydronic module, the heart of the AquaSnap concept. Essentially, for installers there is just one “box” and one set of connections.

Liebert Hiross is also synonymous with high-performance air conditioning systems. A typical example is the unique Hirovisor concept which allows the user visualise and manage one or more installations of Liebert Hiross air conditioning units, superchillers and UPS, from one central point, the PC applications run. The company has also developed a family of high-performance cooling systems, ranging from compact small footprint air conditioning units for networked and cellular telecommunications sites, to larger systems for telecommunication switches and internet data centres.

LG Air Conditioning — the Korean air conditioning manufacturer who will produce something like 13 million units this year — completes the final cog in the Core portfolio. Its main base is in Chang Won, South Korea, but it also has plants in Turkey, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Brazil and Indonesia. In all it has a presence in 150 countries throughout the world and a global market share of almost 20%.

Apart from technical excellence, LG recognises the importance of air conditioning in interior design and has established a research centre in Italy to produce new styles. The renowned Artcool range is a prime example.

One of the latest introductions is the new Multi M multi-split system. This energy-efficient system is suitable for comfort cooling-only or heat and cooling option in conjunction with LG’s Art Cool or wall-mounted indoor units.

The outdoor units use MPS variable control which uses single-phase electricity with two compressors operating at 40% and 60%, rather than conventional ones working at 100%. This allows for energy savings of up to 35%.

All indoor units come with a hand-held infrared remote controller for temperature settings, mode selection, air circulation and fan operation.

Core Air Conditioning is ultra-professional in its dealings with suppliers and clients alike, yet somehow manages to do so in a friendly, flexible manner. Structured systems do not mean rigid practices. Indeed, Core’s ability to adapt and change to devise the most appropriate solutions to suit individual situations is well known.

Individually, any one of the principals represented offers a myriad of air movement solutions. Taken together, they are a formidable armoury in satisfying clients’ needs.

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BJ Caraher — Brands of Distinction & Distinctive Service

BJ Caraher (Distributors) Ltd was established in Belfast in 1948 and has since grown to one of the most successful building services suppliers throughout all of Ireland. Focussing primarily on heating and plumbing, the portfolio is all-embracing and includes brands of distinction, known for their quality, innovative designs, and performance excellence. While nothing like the original one-man operation in terms of scale and market penetration, the BJ Caraher of today still retains the same core trading values and philosophy. The original company ethos was to source and supply quality products, at competitive prices, and to be in a position to deliver to customers on demand. Current Managing Director Aidan Vance and his team adhere rigidly to that principle.

Given the national scale of the business as it stands today — and the vast portfolio of brand-leading names represented — it’s hardly surprising that the original 2500 sq ft Belfast premises has been replaced by a 64,000 sq ft modern warehouse and office complex standing on a 4.5-acres site located in Saintfield, Co Down.

Among the brands currently represented are:
- Ideal Standard sanitary ware, baths, water fittings, shower valves, bathroom furniture;
- Dolomite sanitary ware;
- Aquatherm shower valves;
- Ramon Solar water fittings;
- Vasari bathroom furniture;
- Albion calorifiers, domestic cylinders and the Saturn Super Duty Aquapak;
- Imperial hot water towel rails;
- Matki shower enclosures;
- Flamco Brefco flue pipe, sealed systems equipment, unvented hot water equipment, pumps;
- Cazron Phoenix stainless steel and coloured silk quartz sink tops;
- Müller copper tube;
- Midland Stom water fittings and accessories;
- Trevi high-performance shower valves.

Critical to the growth, and continuing success, of BJ Caraher is the importance placed on establishing loyal and trusting relationships with customers and suppliers alike. The company is renowned for the strength of its trading partnerships which, quite apart from the efficiency with which they are conducted, also involve a bit of fun. Make no mistake ... BJ Caraher (Distributors) epitomises professionalism, yet somehow manages to do so in a manner that espouses open and warm inter-personal relationships based on sharing the benefits of each transaction.

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BJ Caraher's new 64,000 sq ft warehouse and office complex which stands on a 4.5-acres site located in Saintfield, Co Down

Trevi high-performance showers

Ideal Standard Create square range

Ideal Standard Create square range

Flamco unvented hot water equipment

Aquatherm shower valves
Mark Eire Specialises in Air Movement & Air Curtains

Mark BV is widely known and respected throughout Europe as a leading player in air movement technology (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). Its principal base is in Holland (60 years old in August 2005) but it has a wholly-owned subsidiary, Mark Eire BV, which has operated out of Coolea, Macroom, Co Cork since 1986.

Not surprisingly, the Mark brand is very strong in the Cork region and it is on the strength of its local market penetration that it has carved out a sizeable share of the national market.

For most of that time Michael Keane has been Mark’s Area Technical Sales Manager. Working closely with local consultant engineers and mechanical contractors, the support and innovation of these engineers and contractors has driven Mark’s production and R+D, which nowadays also extends to sustainable technologies.

An ability to retain staff for many years is a particular strength of Mark Eire, the experience, expertise and depth of technical know-how it represents proving an invaluable resource.

New products and new applications are the lifeblood of any business. In Mark Eire’s case this philosophy is taken to extremes with fully-qualified graduates continuously working on ground-breaking projects which are gradually brought to the marketplace.

Particular emphasis is placed on life-cycle costs and eco-friendly features.

Mark also invests major sums in plant and equipment. The latest 2 million development programme resulted in all production, office and warehouse facilities being combined within the one, covered 65,000 sq ft complex. This makes for far greater quality control, more streamlined production efficiencies, and dedicated delivery schedules.

In addition to the product categories for which Mark Eire is well renowned, it also has a comprehensive range of air curtains. These can be summarised as follows:

- AIR ONLY: AirAcV;
- LPHW: AirAcB;
- ELECTRIC: AirAcE;
- GAS: Mark GCE with 90° hood & 5-way louvres.

Regarding these air curtains (which can be exposed or over a false ceiling) they are available in four different lengths — 1m, 1.5m, 2m and 2.5m. The AirAc series units are designed to give a high output and high performance. The AirAc over ceiling air curtain is ideally suitable for shopping centre lobbies where a slightly higher mounting height is required. The exposed unit is frequently used for loading bay doors. The discharge diffuser is adjustable, and all Mark air curtains are speed controllable.

There is also the Mark AirAp slimline ceiling hide-away air curtain. At only 270mm deep it is ideal for entrance doors and lobbies in banks, shops, theatres and offices. The units come in 1m and 1.5m wide sizes with low-pressure hot water and electric heating coils. These units are also speed controllable.

Mark Eire air curtains offer excellent value for money. Instant quotes with full technical specification can be provided on receipt of door dimensions.

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City & Suburban Projects

Opened last year by President Mary McAleese, the striking €12 million Glucksmann Gallery has already received international acclaim, including the Best Public Building at the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland awards in 2005; the RIBA 2005 award in the European category; and the 2005 Project of the Year at the UK Buildings Services Awards. Architect was John Tuomey of O'Donnell & Tuomey architects with PJ Hegarty the main contractor.

In addition to the Glucksmann Gallery UCC has also opened the €17 million Mardyke Arena, one of the finest sports facilities in the country, and the vast Victoria Lodge student accommodation at Victoria Cross, with 335 rooms.

Glucksmann Gallery & Mardyke Arena, UCC

Trinity Court is one of the more eye-catching new residential developments in the city, with a waterfront setting overlooking the River Lee and stunning interior design. It is a six-storey development with 61 apartments and private underground parking, very convenient to the city centre. The one and two bedroom apartments were designed to provide comfortable and bright living accommodation with a landscaped communal garden and courtyard for all residents.

Trinity Court, George's Quay

Brideholm Apartments is a complex of 48 two-bedroom apartments of up to 900 sq ft each, located on the Commons Road in Blackpool, heading north toward Blarney, Mallow and Limerick from the city. Prices varied between €250,000 and €300,000, depending on the location within the complex and exact size. The convenient access to both the city and countryside is protected in a gated, secure complex with 24-hour security cover. The apartments are nestled into a grassy hillside with landscaped green areas and gardens. Schools, shopping and other amenities are all on the doorstep. Each fully decorated apartment has a private balcony, as well as a fully fitted kitchen and en suite master bedrooms. Architects were Daly Barry Architects of Bantry in County Cork, with construction by Coleman Brothers Developers.

Brideholm Apartments, Blackpool

Bus Eireann Station, Parnell Place

More than three million passengers use the city’s main bus depot at Parnell Place every year and the major €4 million refurbishment was long overdue. Included were a complete internal refurbishment of the two-storey building; a re-designed passenger concourse; more efficient bus marshalling area; new passenger information systems; complete upgrade of all passenger facilities, and construction of nine new bus bays. Approximately €500,000 was directed towards improved access for people with disabilities, older people, and those with young children. The striking design includes a new tensile fabric canopy feature at the front of the station. The structure was designed by John Clancy, CIE Chief Architect, and developed by Ridge Developments.

Bus Eireann Station, Parnell Place

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LG's Art Cool range of designer air conditioning products

Refrigerant 407c Dualfluid Freecooler Chilled Water Upblow/Downblow Dx — Water Cooled Close Control Air Conditioning

Capacity 4kW to 100kW

Chillers Heat Pumps Packaged Rooftop Units Minisplits Fan Coil Units Controls

Flexible and reliable VRF system
City & Suburban Projects

This mixed €40 million six and seven-storey development took three years of involved negotiations to get the green light from the City Council. While anxious to give it the go ahead, they wanted to make certain it was sympathetic to its immediate surroundings, and the City Hall which is directly across the river from it.

The result is another striking development with brown sandstone, and a blue curtain wall of glass and aluminium frontage, as well as a vertical frame of cream limestone to the most prominent corner of the structure. The open-plan layout is air conditioned throughout, with services in each area to the benefit of tenants. The ground floors have been earmarked for retail and banking uses.

Architect was Tom Coughlan of Coughlan de Keyser with O’Flynn Construction the developer.

5-6 Lapp's Quay

Located on Anglesea Street, in a location just a few hundred yards behind City Hall, and near the city’s Garda Headquarter building, this is a five-storey commercial and office building. It houses the Anglo Irish Bank Corporation’s relatively-new banking halls on the ground and first floor, and comprises third-generation office space, with air conditioning and secure underground car parking. Aside from the Anglo Irish Bank areas, there is office space of 10,823 sq ft on the upper three floors.

Architect was Neil Scott of Scott Talion Walker with Howard Holdings the developer.

City Quarter & Clarion Hotel

This mixed €100 million, 100 metres of river frontage with stunning views. Essentially, it is the first scheme within the confines of the City Docklands Project, which runs further to the east of the city along the river.

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The new terminal development at Cork Airport is valued at something like €150 million and is due for completion this month.

With Jacobs Engineering serving as both the architects and engineers for the project, it involves the construction of a new terminal building and ancillary works to increase capacity from 1.1 million passengers to three million passengers per annum.

The terminal building utilises glass, steel and timber materials to maximise the effects of light and space under a single-span curved roof structure. There are three passenger air bridges, a new baggage handling system, an energy centre, a new fire station, a 600-space multi-storey short stay car park, and a 3,250 space surface car park. Additional works will include new access roads, landscaping and signage, relocation of existing facilities, etc, within the already-established 50-acre business park.

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Developers Howard Holdings were recently granted planning permission to develop a Comfort Inn Hotel for Choice Hotels on this, already virtually completed, mixed-use site. Anchor tenants for the new complex will be O'Callaghan Properties. The mixed-use development comprises apartments and offices, but also houses an art gallery. Architects were Reddy O'Riordan Staehli Architects (RORSA).

Lavitt’s Quay

Nemo Rangers' new Trabeg Sports Centre is claimed to be the finest GAA sports club complex in the country. There are two grass pitches, which can be used all year round, a massive all-weather pitch area that can be divided into four, five-a-side, sized pitches, and a 1,000 sq m sports hall with an artificial grass surface. There are 12 changing rooms and 72 showers that will receive hot water powered by the 42 solar panels using the heat of the sun shining on the pitches. The 23-acre development will allow up to 600 people to use its facilities at any one time. The modern gym will be one of the main attractions for the public, with the latest equipment and competitive membership fees. On the social side, there are two bars and a function room, as well as a private dining room.

Nemo Rangers Trabeg Sports Club

A €20 million mixed-use development less than 100 yards from St. Patrick’s Bridge. Another superb new complex, it comprises 58 two-bedroom apartments on Camden Quay, with five retail units and space for a large restaurant, plus underground parking. The six-storey building is said to have enjoyed a clear run through planning with City Manager Joe Gavin’s full support. The apartments range in size from 603 sq ft, to 936 sq ft, and have been designed by JE Keating & Associates, Cork. There is approximately 3,295 sq ft of ground floor retail space, and restaurant space of about 1,820 sq ft, all of which fronts on to the River Lee. Directly across the river is the Cork Opera House and the Emmet Place plaza, each refurbished in recent years and now both part of a striking setting just over the Christy Ring Bridge.

Camden Wharf

Already a landmark building in Cork, the headquarters of the Cork County Council on the outskirts of the city has been completely refurbished. It is due for completion in November of this year but is already partially in use. The €48.68 million project was designed by Shay Cleary Architects and includes a new three-storey extension providing a concourse and new council chamber and associated accommodation; a six-storey office extension with part basement area of 6,568 sq m; the general refitting of the existing 16-storey building; replacement of existing glazing with a new thermally-broken glazing system for the entire building; and glazed pavilion at rooftop level.

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While very much neglected and maligned over the years Blackpool is now emerging as a very desirable location from both a business and residential perspective. Indeed, City Manager Joe Gavin reportedly intimated that Blackpool will become one of the top residential addresses in Cork within the next 20 years. The Blackpool Shopping Centre, opened in 2000, has enjoyed considerable success and this new €200 million development — comprising mixed-use retail and office space on an 11-acre site — will undoubtedly do likewise. Something like 450,000 sq ft of offices will be available on completion of the four-storey complex, along with 28 apartments. The proposed new rail station at nearby Kilbarry will enhance the location still further, and lead to further development. Additionally, the business community on the nearby Mallow Road is set to grow even more as another 21 business and technology units are planned for the area. Atlas Developments have been given the green light to develop hi-specification units on the site of a former water tower. The development will be beside the Blackpool Bowl and Leisure complex, which is currently under construction. The units will vary in size and be accommodated in 2,292 sq m of space on three floors of the building.

There are also a number of other industrial and residential prospects currently underway along the Mallow Road.

**Blackpool Commercial Park**

Eastgate Business and Retail Park, designed by architects Dennehy Design and developed by O’Flynn Construction, consists of more than 48 ha (about 120 acres). The site comprises retail warehouse units of between 1,000 to 6,000 sq m; office units of 400 to 2,000 sq m; industrial/technology units of 170 sq m; high-technology production facilities of 2,400 sq m; and more than 30,000 sq m (320,000 square feet) of floor space already completed and occupied. EastGate is a mixed retail/commercial, business/industrial park, with its own amenities, crèche, restaurant, etc.

On the other side of the park a number of new residential developments, including the 60-house Castlewood estate, are under construction, while the prestigious Little Island Golf Club is also close by.

On the other side of the entrance to the 120-acre business park is the location for recently-approved seven-car automall, with seven separate car dealerships.

**Eastgate Business & Retail Park, Little Island**

Mahon Point is one of the major success stories of recent Cork development. Purchased by O’Callaghan Properties in the 1990s for €50 million, this ideally-located site is now home to a massive €500 million development. Phase 1 of the extensive shopping centre is now all but completed with virtually all of the units taken up. However, the remaining phases in the shopping complex are unlikely to be completed until 2008, when it is envisaged that it will be one of Europe’s top shopping centres.

It was billed as the most adventurous retail development ever undertaken in Cork, and covers 111 acres in total. The centre boasts more than 40 individual retail outlets, restaurant and food outlets, and a 13-screen cinema. Meanwhile, the new year will see work commence on the 18-month development of the Hilton Hotel within the same overall Mahon complex, along with work on 100,000 sq ft of office space, and the proposed new leisure centre. There are also proposals to develop a 6,000-seater convention and entertainment centre.

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Jacob's Island, Ballinure

This is one of the most ambitious residential projects ever undertaken in Cork. When completed, the €150 million development will include eight residential blocks, each with 39 luxury apartments. There will be a total of 431 units in all, made up of a mixture of one-bed apartments right up to five-bedroom detached houses. The 41-acre site includes 18 acres of mature landscaped parkland to add to the tranquility of the shoreline setting.

The development is by McCarthy Developments with Project Architects acting as the designers.

Ballincollig Town Centre

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Harty's Quay

This is an exclusive waterside development of apartments off Rochestown Road on the outskirts of the city. The scheme, with a mixture of one and two bedroom apartments and three bedroom penthouses, consists of 161 luxury units arranged in nine blocks. The site is surrounded by water on three sides while a mature woodland and bird sanctuary buffers the site from the Rochestown Road.

A courtyard consisting of nearly four acres of south-facing landscaped gardens covers the secure underground car parking while the attractive linear park with paved walkways is complemented by a quayside walkway offering stunning views of Lough Mahon and the Douglas Estuary.

Work is ongoing, though some apartments are already occupied in the completed phases.

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City & Suburban Projects

Coppinger Court, Popes Quay
This award-winning scheme resulted in 43 modern apartments, a glass showroom, and pub/restaurant while still retaining the network of pedestrian-width streets and lanes which criss-cross the steep site and characterise the surrounding region. The five existing buildings to the forefront were also refurbished in a manner which epitomised the same ethos and re-affirms the building style of the locality. Architects were Magee Creedon Architects.

Lifetime Lab, Lee Road
The brief for the Lifetime Lab project involved the conservation and adaptation of the complex of 19th-century buildings and historic precinct which formerly served as the Cork Waterworks for new use as education spaces and displays on the themes of the environment, sustainability, offices and meeting rooms.

The Court House
The Cork City and County courthouse was originally constructed over 200 years ago. Destroyed by fire in the late 1890s, it was rebuilt and reopened in 1897 with just the external facade retained. Phase 1 of the most recent refurbishment programme commenced in 1997 and involved the roof and external stonework, while Phase 2 — covering the interior of the building — began in 2003 and concluded at the beginning of this year.

'English Market'
The manner in which the original features, concept and unique feel of the 'English Market' have been retained, despite refurbishment and modernisation, is an example which every planning authority in the country should note.

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Standard Control Systems (SCS) is one of the longest-established and most successful building management systems providers in the country. Over the years it has captured a significant market share, especially in the Dublin area, on the back of its strong association with leading controls specialist Trend. That success is now being consolidated in Cork city and county regions on the strength of its growing reputation and, more importantly, because of its dedicated, Cork-based office.

Centrally located in Penrose Wharf, senior engineers John Reddin and David Garvan are ideally placed to liaise with local industry, architects, consultants and developers to devise appropriate, tailor-made building management systems solutions for each particular project. To date SCS has been involved in some of the largest and most prestigious projects ever built in Cork. They have used the excellence of Trend to meet the complex requirements of all manner of project, including the award-winning Glucksmann Gallery at UCC; the hotel and leisure centre at Fota Island; and the new terminal at Cork International Airport where the cutting-edge web-browser-based Trend system has been installed.

Cormac Walsh, SCS Managing Director, says: “We now have a locally-based team of totally-committed people dedicated to providing our Cork clients with a level of service heretofore unknown. Put simply, we want to continue to be the best in the business, not just in Cork city and county, but throughout all of Munster”. To achieve that objective SCS retains a team of highly-qualified engineers, all of whom undergo continuous technology updates, seminars and educational seminars to keep them fully au fait with developing trends. In addition, it is now concentrating, more than ever, on improving the diversity of its products and services. Its relationship with Trend is very significant in this respect and together they have devised innovative and pioneering solutions for many projects in Ireland. SCS also prides itself on the partnership approach it adopts with its customers. It is renowned for working with consultants and contractors to get the job done and for ensuring the technical integrity of the project above all else.

Furthermore, it has carved out quite a niche in the area of design-and-build type projects where it works closely with consultants and contractors to compete for specific projects. They are also well versed in carrying out BMS/controls-related workshops with consultants, where the strengths of the systems as they are today can be demonstrated, and a methodology gone through on the appropriate selection and utilisation of controls devices.

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Another innovative development is the QPL Cosy Home conservatory underfloor heating kit. Suitable for tiles, timber or carpeted floors, the Qual-PEX underfloor heating system is perfectly suited to a single area extension or conservatory up to 15 sq m in floor area. It is designed to link into an existing radiator heating system or, alternatively, it can be run as a separate system providing the benefits of an efficient and cost-effective heating system.

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With such a strong background in design excellence and product development, QPL has carved out a significant market share within the Cork region. Being locally-based, it has especially strong relationships with local industry, consultants and contractors, and is currently working closely with these trading partners to devise still more innovative solutions and systems for newly-emerging requirements.

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A commitment to quality is evident at every stage in the development process, from research and innovation right through to design, selection of materials, production methods, packaging and customer delivery. Grundfos products are sold and serviced primarily through a network of Grundfos-owned national subsidiary companies where first-hand knowledge of local market trends and conditions make for the best possible service for customers.

Grundfos Ireland is a typical case in point. Established in 1984, the company has captured a significant market share across all pump market segments. Its circulator pumps are used extensively throughout the country for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning in domestic houses, office buildings, hotels, etc.

In industry, Grundfos pumps are used in food processing, pharmaceutical plants, the drinks and alcohol sectors, as well as in the area of plant maintenance and OEM products.

In the water-supply and waste-water segment Grundfos offers a wide range of reliable pumps for irrigation, greenhouses, and for municipal, private and industrial water supply, as well as sewage applications.

Apart from the product portfolio, the company's most important resource is its employees, their experience, know-how and commitment. Grundfos makes substantial investments in education and training with all staff constantly undergoing regular technical seminars and updates on new products, developing technologies, and new pumping system concepts.

In order to maintain its leading position, Grundfos attaches great importance to R&D and in 1990 the Grundfos Technology Centre was inaugurated. In 1993, Development, Design and Product Management moved into a newly-built Innovation Centre.

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Mitsubishi Heavy Industries has been manufacturing air conditioning systems for over 40 years. The range extends from small systems of 2.5kW cooling/heating to large modular systems for commercial buildings. 3D Air Sales Irl Ltd is the MHI distributor in Ireland and it has just introduced the latest addition to the range, the new 4th generation VRF inverter R410A multi-system. MHI already has a strong presence in the Cork region but now, with this new introduction, Michael Clancy and his colleagues in 3D Air Sales expect to win an even larger share of the new projects coming on stream.

This latest MHI development in VRF technology delivers high-efficiency, high-performance cooling and heating, together with additional features which make for easy application, operation and control, despite the advanced nature of the system.

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City & Suburban Projects

The South Mall could yet be the location of a new hotel for the city centre on a site currently lying derelict, and only a short distance from the internationally-renowned Imperial Hotel.

The new 116-bed hotel has been given the green light by Cork City Council, to be spread over four and five storeys on a 8,098 sq m site joining Beasley Street, Parnell Place and the South Mall.

It will boast a ground-floor hotel bar, dining area with function room, basement spa and health club, and will be serviced by two ground-floor parking levels. To facilitate the new hotel, the development work will include the demolition of existing site structures with the facades of 93 South Mall and 17 and 18 Parnell Place being retained. The proposal is by the Corbett owned Pitwood Ltd, who have also just completed a sizeable new mixed-use development located near Anglesea Street, incorporating student housing and offices.

South Mall Hotel

This €80 million apartment and mixed use development is located on the eastern edge of the city, on Water Street and Lower Glanmire Road, near Tivoli. To be developed for the client, Werdna Ltd, it was designed by Murray O’Laoire Architects.

The site area is 1.6217 hectares (four acres) and the revised plan envisages 304 apartments, a business centre, creche, shops and cafés, with parking for nearly 500 cars.

The site would form part of an overall waterfront development zone that links back to the Kent Railway Station by means of future redevelopment of Horgan’s Quay.

Completion date: revised plans were submitted in February 2005, with an outcome still awaited from Bord Pleannala.

Water Street Mixed-Use

O’Flynn Construction was granted permission for the superb, 17-storey, mixed-use development on Eglington Street, which is set to take over from County Hall in Cork (itself going through a €60 million overhaul and standing at about 60 metres with 14 floors, just higher than Connolly Hall in Dublin), to be the tallest building in Ireland, at some 70 metres.

The development is located on the former An Post sorting office site, beside the garda headquarters. It will be office block and retail use in the main, and is designed by Wilson Architecture. Sizeable green areas will surround 222 apartments, five retail units, seven offices, a creche, gym and 553 parking spaces.

The decision by the City Council to give the development the green light is seen as hugely significant in the context of how and where structures in and around the city can now progress, especially given a plan of similar height on Water Street was initially rejected. Cork is now upwardly mobile!

17-Stories High at Eglington Street

This site at Horgan’s Quay is owned by the CIE, who will be developing the 17 south-facing riverside acres, as announced in the summer this year. The commercial development is estimated to be valued in the region of €500 million.

There will also be an upgrade of Kent Station as part of the Horgan’s Quay development, where a new Bus Éireann station will also be built, providing an integrated travel centre for public transport users in Cork city.

The Horgan’s Quay development will be a mixed-use scheme, covering residential and commercial uses, to be developed by Manor Park Homes, with an application for planning already made. The scale of the regeneration will transform the area and bring to life a prime location in the city.

Irish Rail plans to re-orientate Kent Station away from the Glanmire Road to a new entrance facing the new development on the quay and the city centre, enabling improved access to the city centre, and a strong integration of rail and bus services.

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City & Suburban Projects

With the Irish Examiner and Evening Echo print works set to relocate to Mahon, and the editorial sections of the papers to locate at the City Quarter on Lapp’s Quay, O’Callaghan Properties is set to develop the existing Thomas Crosby Holdings (TCH) site at Academy Street in the heart of the city.

The project is due for a Christmas 2008 completion, the redevelopment costing €300 million and creating 200,000 sq ft of retail space. It will run from Academy Street to Paul Street Shopping Centre (itself to be refurbished), through Guys Building, along a newly-pedestrianised Cornmarket Street, and into North Main Street Shopping Centre.

There will also be up to 30,000 sq ft of office space with an application also to be lodged for 100 apartments. Owen O’Callaghan is aiming for a November 2006 construction start date, once existing occupiers have been relocated.

TCH Site, Academy Street

ABK Architects won the competition to design the new Civic Offices for Cork City Council. The project consists of 9,200 sq m (90,000 sq ft) of naturally-ventilated office accommodation and support facilities for the Council, together with underground car parking.

It is designed as an independent building that engages the existing Town Hall, built in 1932, to form a cohesive civic office complex. The project incorporates a number of advanced environmental control systems, including an exposed-concrete, chilled ceiling that makes use of ground water to cool the building, and wind-assisted forced ventilation using innovative vent towers. The highest environmentally acceptable systems will include heating sourced from underground thermal springs.

The contract, worth in excess of €30 million, was awarded to the Cleary Doyle Group following a public tender process.

The new buildings will occupy the area where the City Hall car park and the Old Eglinton Street Baths originally stood. It will feature a glass and stone frontage with a floor-to-ceiling atrium in the reception area.

Civic Building Works

Developer Owen O’Callaghan wants to develop a €30 million concert and event centre at Mahon. Significantly, there was support for the project from Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr Deirdre Clune. There had been suggestions that City Hall officials may hold a preference to locate such a development at Horgan’s Quay, so the Lord Mayor’s public words of support shouldn’t be underestimated in their possible importance.

The proposal is for a 6,000-seater centre, and the Mahon site will have to compete with the convenience of the location at Horgan’s Quay, particularly with its rail and bus links to the rest of the county and country.

Tourism chiefs and hoteliers located in Cork have long sought such a venue.

Concert & Event Centre, Mahon

The Cork Webworks to be developed by Howard Holdings, will provide some 5,000 sq m of prime office space on a historic site located at the gateway to the Docklands of the City. Extensive communications and computing facilities, technologically advanced meeting rooms, a broad range of office types and sizes, restaurant and informal meeting spaces will be complemented by service-oriented reception services, reliable technology support, and optional on-site car parking.

The facade will employ high-tech materials carefully blended to be in harmony with the protected structures on the site, and will be located adjacent to City Hall.

Webworks

The Health Service Executive has confirmed that the proposed new Accident and Emergency Department at Mercy University Hospital is to go ahead at a cost in the region of €3 million. The 2,000 sq ft unit will more than double the existing space currently dedicated to A&E, and will allow for 25,000 patients annually to be treated in modern and efficient circumstances.

The tendering process to identify the specialist architects and engineers for the project just recently got underway and work will begin on site in the near future.

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Port of Cork bosses have indicated that they are willing to move from their location near the city centre, but only at the right price. The current Tivoli terminal will relocate to a site close to the existing ferry terminal at Ringaskiddy, particularly as port traffic is up by nearly 18% for the first half of 2005 as compared to the same period in 2004. An extra 737,000 tonnes of traffic passed through the port from January to June this year, compared to 2004. A total of 4.93 million tonnes were handled by the Port of Cork during that period of 2004.

The terminal at Tivoli is deemed no longer big enough to cater for the business growth envisaged, and city planners view the city waterfront as the focal point for major commercial and residential development, on similar lines to the Dublin Docklands development.

It is believed a number of major investors have expressed interest in apartment and commercial development on the quays. At current market levels, this land and rights are estimated to be worth in the region of €2 million an acre.

Port of Cork

Cork Docklands Development

Work recently began on the new Cork School of Music on a site in Union Quay, after years of mostly financial and planning problems. The project will be built, funded and run for 25 years by Hochtief Developments at a cost of €68 million. The total contract volume is closer to €210 million according to the developers. The terms of the contract include Hochtief maintaining the new facility for the period of 25 years at a cost of €7.6 million to the Government.

The school will accommodate nearly 500 full-time and 2,000 part-time students, and include more than 10,500 sq m of facilities such as 50 teaching/practice studios, a 500-seater auditorium, a drama theatre, a professional recording studio, as well as further studios, theatres and laboratories. There will also be accommodation on site. Completion date is scheduled for September 2007. Design was by Murray O’Laoire Architects.

Cork School of Music
The popular Crow’s Nest pub was all but destroyed by fire in February 2004. Now, one of Cork’s best-known pubs could be demolished to make way for a multi-million euro development. The adjacent four 2-storey houses at Victoria Terrace, and the MP Crowley machinery shed, would also be demolished to make way for the new development on the 0.266 hectare site. The proposed new development will consist of a mixed residential and commercial building of 15 storeys in height. The residential accommodation will consist of a total of 74 one, two and three bedroom apartments, with the commercial element of 937.8 sq m incorporating four ground floor units, a pub, delicatessen and restaurant.

Crow’s Nest Mixed-Use

This development by O’Callaghan Properties was designed by architects Henry J Lyons Partners and comprises a 162-bed hotel and 260 apartments on the site of the original hotel. Development is already underway and set to proceed rapidly for an opening sometime next year. The original building was demolished on Lancaster Quay, with the new hotel to include a leisure centre, a 260-unit residential scheme (scaled down from the original 303 units), a new vehicular/pedestrian bridge and junction facilitating the development and créche facilities. The hotel will be six storeys in height over basement level. There will be 453 car-parking spaces and 151 cycle parking spaces.

Jury’s Hotel, Lancaster Quay

The Kenny Group’s €100 million office development set for Patrick’s Quay was recently given planning permission by the City Council, and is set to be Cork’s largest ever such development. The six-storey, 7,681 sq m, building will have an eyecatching impact on the quay, with its curved, glass façade. Design was by Wilson Architects.

The Treasury, Patrick’s Quay

This project involves the construction of a 10,039 sq m building at the former Goldcrop property to the side and rear of Centre Park House. The proposal includes the demolition of the existing Goldcrop buildings; the construction of seven floors, a reduced-footprint eight floor; a ground floor mezzanine to accommodate business and technology uses; and the provision of two floors of basement carparking to accommodate 211 spaces.

Goldcrop/Gouldings Chemicals’ Site

This unique centre-of-excellence will involve an investment of €530 million and comprise a 25,000 sq m facility of four separate buildings linked by a central walkway. Covering 30 acres of a 100-acre site, it is being built by John Sisk and Son, the largest general contracting firm in the country. The ground-breaking ceremony took part in September 2005, with an address by Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Micheál Martin.

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Cork County Council has devised a strategic plan to control development in the broader area of Cork county, by which ten Local Area Plans for the electoral areas — incorporating the areas of Bandon, Bantry, Blarney, Carrigaline, Fermoy, Kanturk, Macroom, Mallow, Midleton and Skibbereen, along with three Special Local Area Plans, one each for Midleton, Carrigtwohill and the Blarney-Kilbarry rail corridor including the proposed new sizeable settlement of Monard — are in place.

A separate study, the North and West County Cork Strategic Study 2001 - 2020, is dealing with the outer areas of County Cork, from a more rural perspective.
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At present there are various planning proposals and applications before the county officials in each of these areas. For the most part they are welcome and are being positively considered but, a recurring theme from feedback by the local villages and towns is the concern that local infrastructure, as well as local services, facilities and amenities, are in need of improvement should the plans be allowed to go ahead. In fact, in many instances, the feeling is that even existing developments and settlements are short on those services, let alone what they would be like should new developments proceed.

However, the reality is that this challenge, in itself, represents further opportunity for the engineering and construction industries. Development is inevitable in the greater Cork region. The onus now is on the county officials and private sector representatives to engage with one another to devise and implement a managed infrastructure development programme.

County councillors met on 5 September this year to discuss amending the 13 local area plans that cover the whole of the county. Councillors then had to pass the plans, in their entirety, by 12 September, in order to comply with the timetable set down by law. At this stage the plans can still be changed, but only in relation to the amendments made earlier this year. Nothing new can be introduced.

The 13 plans generally involved a lot of extra land zoned for development during the process, and most of the changes were essentially adding extra zonings, and extending the boundaries of villages and towns. These changes also involve the need for huge investment in transport and infrastructure.

The County Development Plan talks included some frantic lobbying by communities in what was a stormy process on the whole. Cork people now want to live in villages with easy, commutable access to the city. However, there are implications for those communities. It was widely reported that developers used the promise of amenities and local services to persuade communities to support developments. Regardless of whether they did or not, that fact remains that those services and amenities must too be built and provided. Either way the plans are now in place, and the development can begin in earnest.

To give product and services suppliers an indication of the scope and extent of developments planned for county Cork, what follows is a cross-section of projects currently in the planning stage or just approved.

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RSL personnel are also actively involved in industry-related organisations such as the Institute of Refrigeration of Ireland, the Institution of Engineers of Ireland, and ASHRAE. Very often they make presentations to industry gatherings dealing with standards, regulations, best practice policy and new techniques.

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It is suitable for all plumbing applications and includes an internal oxygen barrier, making it the choice for central and underfloor heating applications, as well as tap water installations. It is also ideal for those hard-to-reach places that every installer encounters.

The pipe has been rigorously tested with EN 1254 Brass Compression Fittings and Irish Dimension Tectite Push Fit Fittings. Copper inserts are required as internal support before attaching a fitting to the cut end.

Wavin offers the full range of Tectite Push Fit Fittings for use with Wavin Pex pipe. Tectite is ideal when working with limited tool space in those hard-to-reach places, giving more flexibility for better plumbing solutions.

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Sanyo — having firmly established its position in the Irish market — is intent on assisting with the development, and fruition, of the projects which will shape this region for the future. A prime example of this is the current installation of the Sanyo GHP VRF system into the new luxury 5-star Fota Island Hotel at Fota Island Resort.

Kelly Refrigeration of Ennis, Co Clare, one of Sanyo’s leading installers, worked closely with the appointed consultant engineers - EG Pettit & Company - to devise the most appropriate solution to meet the needs of such a prestigious hotel. The option of either a gas or electric solution was put forward but it quickly became clear that the gas system was the most suitable for this application and the client’s needs.

Together with Sanyo’s technical team and drawing from collective experiences of large and complex installations, a system was agreed which utilises the latest VRF technology from the extensive Sanyo range ...

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Innovative, unique, economical, environmentally-friendly and highly-efficient are all words to describe the Sanyo gas-powered range of VRF systems. As the clear market-leader in Japan and making its debut as a 3-Pipe version that will provide simultaneous heating and cooling, the ECO G is the only gas heat pump range in Europe to offer a single phase power supply with the option of natural gas or LPG as a main power source.

The Sanyo GHP, due to its advanced technology and design, requires no defrost cycle which enables it to provide continuous 100% heating performance even in severe winter conditions with an outside temperature as low as −20°C, while consuming less gas and electricity than comparable air conditioning systems. This was obviously a huge benefit when considering the correct system for the hotel.

The solution for the Fota Island Hotel provides 504kW cooling capacity via 139 concealed indoor units with nine rooftop GHP VRF outdoor condensing units providing simultaneous heating and cooling.

According to Alastair Howard of EG Pettit & Company, Cork: “We reviewed a number of alternative solutions for hotel air conditioning. A natural gas operated heat pump system was identified as providing energy saving heat recovery, automatic heating and cooling change-over, simultaneous heating and cooling, BMS and Reception Desk controls interface, low running cost and a short term payback. On the basis of our analysis for this project, we recommended the natural gas heat pump system from Sanyo, which is currently being installed.”

This installation, among many others, is a clear indication of the “choice” Sanyo Air Conditioners brings to the market.

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Fota Island Wildlife Park, Fota Island, Cork. The Sanyo GHP VRF system has been specified for the new luxury 5-star Fota Island Hotel which is being built at the Fota Island Resort, immediately adjacent to the Wildlife Park.
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Moreover, it can also affect the value of a homer or office premises. It has been calculated that every one decibel rise in neighbourhood noise reduce the value of the average property by 0.7%.

Noise is not a new problem. Back in the first century AD the romans were suffering too ... from the noise of iron-rimmed chariot wheels on cobbled streets for instance. The situation got so bad that the emperor, Julius Caesar, passed a law banning all chariots from the streets after dark.

Now there is 21st century legislation to help prevent the problems of noisy neighbours. Careful design and the correct materials can prevent airborne and structure-borne noise within buildings.

A wide range of these sound insulation materials will be on display at the Selfbuild, Extend & Renovate Show taking place at Millstreet, Co Cork from the 4 to 6 November 2005. This is the fastest growing show in Ireland and is attracting increasing number of architects, specifiers and builders, along with the core visitors of self-builders, extenders and renovators.

In addition to insulation from noise, there is a huge range of materials to choose from to insulate buildings from the cold and, with oil prices rocketing, there are many alternative forms of energy featured, including wind, solar and geothermal. For the traditionalists there are even displays of hemp walling, thatching and lime plastering.

The show is open from 1pm to 7pm, Friday 4 November; and 11am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday 5/6 November. Entrance to trade visitors and professionals is free. Members of the public face a charge of €8.

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With the €100 million project for a new station currently out to tender, the planned re-opening of the Cork to Midleton rail line is so far on schedule. Midleton is one of Cork’s fastest-developing regions and there is no doubt but that the rail connection will spur a frenzy of projects. CIE owns 15 acres around the area of the existing station and this, too, provides scope for massive development.

Points along the line from Midleton to Cork will also benefit, and there have already been calls to extend the line all the way to Youghal in east Cork on the border with Waterford.

**Midleton Rail Line**

The former Tesco supermarket in Midleton is to be transformed into a multi-million euro retail and commercial development. Beorg Ltd lodged an application to demolish the building at the east end of Main Street, which was sold to an anonymous buyer last March for €5.1 million. The existing premises will be demolished and a three-storey, 1,291 sq m, retail building constructed facing onto Main Street. Plans also include construction of a four-storey, 1,891 sq m, retail and commercial building on the north of the site.

**Tesco Development Site, Midleton**

This zoning of land in Baneshane proved particularly contentious. It even attracted comment from councillors in adjoining regions and areas. However, a €220 million plan has been given approval whereby more than 700 houses will be built on an 80-acre site by Castlelands Construction. A condition of approval is that Castlelands must contribute €8 million towards the cost of a flyover to ease traffic congestion entering the town. The promise is crucial as it was felt that without a new flyover, the junction entering Midleton faces severe gridlock by the year 2012.

**Baneshane €220 House Plan**

Plans for the Blarney-Kilbarry rail corridor — including the proposed new sizeable settlement of Monard — are now in place. The new, expanded town of Monard is set to be as large as Glanmire. Planners propose to locate a new town of 5,000 homes, more than twice the size of the existing settlement at Blarney. Debate has centred on whether or not the development should be phased in over a number of years, which now looks unlikely to be the case, as well as plans for open spaces and green areas.

There have been calls for central Government funding to be provided for infrastructure in the area, especially the railway line developments. Presently, it is planned much of the development of the suburban rail network will be funded from development charges levied on developers.

**Monard 5000 Houses**
With a new rail station is to be built for the area, it is hardly surprising that an additional 4,000 houses are set to be built in the village of Carrigtwohill, on top of the 1000 homes completed over the last two years. Local community representatives are concerned that no amenities are being put in place to cope with this kind of expansion.

Carrigtwohill 4000 Houses

Carrigaline has the highest car commuter rate in the country among people travelling to work. Not surprisingly, there is a planned €5 million western relief road in the pipeline. Demands were also made for a new €28 million upgrade of the N28 to Ringaskiddy to deal with the industrial traffic there, especially as Ringaskiddy continues to develop as a major industrial area of the region.

The residential expansion of Carrigaline looks set to continue for the foreseeable future with a number of major residential developments at planning or design stage. Most of the residential development over the next few years will take place off the Fe Road at Kilnagleary and on the land bank south of the Upper Kilmoney Road (between the Minane Bridge and Ballyfeard roads), where more than 110 acres of land zoned for residential development is likely to deliver in excess of 1,000 houses in the next few years. Carrigaline is likely to have a population approaching 20,000 in five years time.

There have been calls for improvements to the town’s road infrastructure, public transport network, community facilities, retail and commercial services, and recreational amenities to match the expansion in the population.

A decision is also due shortly on an application for 29, four-bed detached houses on a nine-acre site on the Mountain Road in Carrigaline. There are also issues surrounding zonings for large-scale residential development around Carrigaline.

A report on the Carrigaline area reveals that a special plan for the development of the area around Cork Airport will be drawn up within six months of the current Local Area Plans being passed, scheduled for around March 2006.

Carrigaline Major Developments

Up to 1,000 new houses will be coming on stream in the near future on the northern side of the town. As a result, a second river transport crossing is deemed necessary — or the development of the current footbridge to include a single car lane — as well as sewage infrastructure.

The development of parking in the town is seen as a high priority, hence the possibility of a multi-storey car park and the development of Harte’s car park.

There have also been calls to develop a town plaza and youth facilities, for the by-pass to be completed, for improved lighting in the town, and the dredging of the river.

Bandon 1000 Houses

Plans for a 2,500-unit housing development in north Blarney are expected to proceed. One of the issues raised is whether or not such a development would impact on the tourist attraction that Blarney Castle importantly provides to the region.

North Blarney 2500 Houses
Crosshaven is expanding at a phenomenal rate with permission being sought for all manner, and size, of development. These include 300 houses/apartment on the Brightwater site; 48 apartments on the site of the former Cara Marine boatyard on Church Road; a mixed-use development comprising almost 2,000 sq m of retail and office/commercial units on the main street; and a Lidl supermarket, also in the centre of the town.

**Massive Expansion at Crosshaven**

There are proposals for 376 houses to be built at Kilmoney in Carrigaline. The application was made by Mallow-based Castlelands Construction Ltd and is expected to be the first of a number of significant such residential proposals. The 39-acre site has almost 300 metres of road frontage on to the Ballyfeard road, south of Pipers Cross. The plan involves the construction of a further leg of the southern relief road around the town centre. A decision was deferred by county council who requested further information on the application.

**Kilmoney 376 Houses**

A decision is due on 12 October on an application by Brideview Developments Ltd for planning permission to build 106 apartments on a strategically-located site in Rochestown, situated off the South Ring Road. The development would be located on 2.7 acres adjacent to St Patrick’s Church on the Rochestown road. The proposed site layout involves one structure varying in height from three to five storeys.

**Rochestown 2.7 acre Development**

A multi-million euro 297-house development is planned for Cobh. The proposal is for 22 different house types consisting of 15 two-storey detached houses, 32 two-storey semi-detached houses, 118 two-storey terraced houses, 64 three-storey duplex units, 38 three-storey semi-detached houses, and 30 three-storey terraced houses.

**Cobh 297 Homes**

A multi-million euro tourist development has been approved for the Cork homestead of Sam Maguire. Presently, the house is in ruins, with just a plaque to highlight that Sam Maguire lived there. The man who gave his name to the most coveted trophy in Gaelic football was born in Dunmanway in west Cork in 1879. Now, the owners of the homestead have joined with Doheny’s GM Club to create a visitor centre and an equestrian centre on the site. The €5 million plans also include a hostel, laundry, canteen, eight holiday chalets, 10 mobile camper berths, a manager’s residence, and amenity and recreation area. Permission has just been granted by Cork County Council.

**Dunmanway Multi Euro Tourism Scheme**
Dublin-based Goodbody Consultants predict a population of 36,600 by 2020 for the north Cork town and surrounding hinterland of Mallow. The population surge will have huge implications for the region, with 19,041 cars expected to be using local roads by 2016.

Local business groups want more land zoned for housing, a retail study to identify the needs of the town, and for the town to have a single strategic plan.

In the meantime development continues unchecked. Work is to begin shortly on the development of a 280 space car-park at Mallow’s train station. The new car-park is to be located at the north end of the yard with entrances both from the Cork and Limerick sides.

Fuelling the growth is the Government decision in 2003 to transfer 200 tourism agency jobs to the north Cork town as part of the national decentralisation programme, and the fact that it was given Hub status in the National Spatial Strategy.

Mallow ‘Set to Explode’

Cork County Council’s decision not to allow a large housing development in Glanmire has been overturned by An Bord Pleanala. Frinailla Developments can now proceed with the project which includes 121 residential units consisting of 42 three-bed houses, 64 four-bed houses and 16 serviced sites, including a 501sq m crèche.

Glanmire is also to get a new state-of-the-art health centre to serve 35,000 people, which may ultimately open on a 24-hour basis. The Health Board Executive (HSE) Southern Area has applied for planning permission for a €2.5 million health centre, which will be located behind the former BK2 pub. Meanwhile, O’Flynn Construction has submitted plans for a 629-home equestrian and visitor centre on the grounds of Dunkathel House.

Glanmire Forges Ahead

Rathcormac could grow by another 850 houses in the coming years after rezoning was approved by Cork County Councillors recently. Community activists have reacted with dismay to the news but strict conditions put on some of the new zonings will mean they will take many years to be developed.

Three new parcels of land were rezoned in September as the process of finalising local area plans for the county was completed. Added to land already zoned in the area but not yet built on, there is now capacity to build up to 850 new houses in the north Cork village, which is fast becoming a town.

Rathcormac 850 Houses

In Glounthane, Murrayforde Developments has been granted conditional permission to build 99 residential units at Johnstown. The development will consist of 80 houses, three bungalows and 16 apartments, along with a new vehicular access on to the public road.

Another planned development is the O’Flynn Construction promoted development of 62 apartments, 638 houses, a crèche and three commercial units. The company already has permission for 527 houses at the adjacent Dunkathel House site.

Glounthane House Boom
York International is one of the largest independent suppliers of heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) systems. It has a vast portfolio catering for residential and commercial markets, industrial processing, and industrial/commercial refrigeration applications. Unlike some of its multi-national competitors, it has a dedicated Cork-based office for many years and this has been a significant factor in the large market share it now enjoys in the region.

Equally important is the comprehensive technical engineering support provided. Dave Dorney and his colleagues — Brenda O’Sullivan and Philip Masterson — lead an experienced team of dedicated professionals who liaise very closely with consultants and end-users to devise the best solution for each project.

Essentially, the York portfolio falls into three main categories:

- Engineered systems which includes chillers, air-handling equipment, and controls for both land-based and marine HVAC applications;
- Refrigeration systems which include service, contracting, screw and reciprocating compressors, condensers, heat-transfer equipment, marine-refrigeration systems, pressure vessels, packaged-refrigeration systems, computerized-control systems, hygienic air-handling and distribution systems, and gas-compression systems;
- Unitary products such as central air-conditioning systems, heat pumps, gas and oil furnaces, indoor-air-quality accessories, replacement parts, and single-package units which combine gas heating and electric cooling. One of the most successful products from the range is the York YK centrifugal water-cooled chiller. With cooling capacities ranging from 800kW to 8500kW and a reputation for performance excellence, energy-efficiency and reliability, it is hardly surprising that YK chillers are installed in all manner and size of application in the region.

A crucial factor is the importance of “real world” energy performance. Because chillers in the real world operate nearly 95% of the time at off-design conditions, off-design performance is a major factor in energy consumption. That is why York YK centrifugal chillers are engineered for maximum efficiency at both design and off-design conditions.

But York is not all about chillers. It also has a large air handling portfolio, the YMA family of units being a typical example. This range consists of 31 models having air volumes ranging from 0.25m3/s to 26m3/s and total static pressures as high as 2000 Pascal. Custom-designed units with larger capacities up to 50m3/s are also available. That said, to ensure maximum flexibility and the best solution, units are available in 50mm increments in both height and width.

Eurovent certified for guaranteed performance, unit frames are constructed from extruded aluminium profiles and have flush-fitting panels and doors to provide aesthetically-pleasing lines. All panels are completely removable while the thermally-insulated rigid enclosure is fully sealed to provide enhanced acoustic performance.

Depending on the application, units may be single or double-decked and include cooling and heating coils; humidifiers; heat recovery systems; sound attenuation; factory-fitted controls and sensors; air mixing boxes; gas-fired burners; various filter options; and desiccant and thermal wheels. Accurate computer selection ensures cost-effective matching of all components to satisfy the specified conditions.

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Fläkt Woods—One of the Market Leaders in the Industry

Fläkt Woods (Ireland) Ltd is one of the leading players of the building services industry in Ireland. Formally a division of ABB Ltd, Fläkt Woods (Ireland) was incorporated in February 2002, after the global divestment of the ABB Air Handling and Controls Division.

It is one of the market leaders in the design, installation and maintenance of a wide range of ventilation equipment and systems, including Woods fans, Siemens controls, Climaveneta chillers and building management systems.

As part of the international Fläkt Woods Group, which incorporates Fläkt and Woods Air Movement Ltd, it is a recognised international leader in fan development, manufacturing and component supply. Included also are the brands Solyvent Ventec and American Fan.

Fläkt Woods has almost 200 years experience in the building services industry.

Fläkt Woods is a global group with sales companies in 30 countries around the world. Employing over 3,400 people, they have a turnover in excess of €450 million. With manufacturing facilities in 20 countries there is a strong focus on product development and improvement within the group. Recent innovations in design such as the CentriflowPlus plug fan — the most efficient plug fan in the world — bear this out. As an international leader, the Fläkt Woods Group are committed to developing their market while maintaining and developing strong customer relationships.

Fläkt Woods (Ireland) Ltd has its head office located in Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Their client base includes consultants, contractors, distributors, wholesalers, original equipment manufacturers and end-users. They also have a large number of service contracts nationwide in a number of industry sectors.

Fläkt Woods now also has a regional office in Cork having re-established itself in the area in 2005, following it's divestment from ABB in 2002. By relocating to a premises in Eastgate Business Park, Little Island, Fläkt Woods (Ireland) reinforces its commitment to the region, where many of its most important pharmaceutical, industrial and commercial customers are located.

With Fläkt Woods' team of sales, project management and service engineers all resident in the area, it strives to deliver a quality service to clients at all times.

Fläkt Woods looks forward to continued growth of its reputation and enhancing its position as a national supplier of quality product and service to the entire Munster region in the future.

For further information on the extensive product offering refer to the website or either of the sales offices in Dublin and Cork.

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Irish Metal Industries Ltd has undergone a number of changes in the last few years, the biggest of which was becoming part of the KME Group, the largest manufacturer of copper and copper alloy products in the world.

KME leads the field in the development of innovative, application-oriented solutions and is an expert partner to many different branches of industry.

Becoming part of the KME Group has increased IMI’s product range, a key addition being the Wicu brand of 25m plastic-coated copper coils. These coils are available in 8mm, 10mm, 15mm and 22mm sizes, along with the Irish sizes of 1/2” and 3/4”. The 50m coils are available in both 10mm and Irish 1/2” sizes.

In Cork these products are available through Dublin Providers Ltd, Hevac Ltd, Irish International Trading Ltd, BSS Ltd, Heatmerchants Ltd, Aidan O’Shaughnessy Ltd and many other outlets in the Cork area.

As a general overview Irish Metal Industries supplies a complete range of copper tube for hot and cold water installations, gas services, sanitation, central heating and numerous other building and engineering applications. All tubes are manufactured to the stringent requirements of EN : 1057 and IMI is licensed to engrave them with the coveted Irish Standard Mark which is the registered mark of the National Standards Authority in Ireland. IMI also provides a unique 25-year guarantee against manufacturing defect.

According to IMI, the type of material used for the plumbing and heating systems in bathrooms needs to be something the installer and specifier can trust and rely on. This, essentially, is why copper is the preferred choice of the vast majority of professionals in the industry.

The primary reasons why copper has dominated the market for the past 40 years can be summarised as follows. It is tried, tested and proven; versatile; long-lasting; healthy and safe; good value for money; recyclable; resists heat, corrosion, pressure and fire; non-permeable; and excellent support.

Not only does copper tend to be legionella free, but tests also indicate that other bacteria are actually destroyed when in contact with copper-based components.

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Wilo Engineering in Limerick recently marked the occasion of its Silver Jubilee with a series of social and business events which reflected well on its standing in the Munster region in particular, and indeed throughout the entire country.

Its parent Wilo is renowned worldwide as one of the foremost manufacturers in pump technology, having been established in Germany in 1872. The spirit and quality of that 130-plus year pedigree is very much evident in the Irish operation and throughout the last 25 years Wilo Engineering has achieved market-leading status across the entire building services spectrum by supplying cutting-edge products and pump systems which it complements with comprehensive design and technical support programmes.

Just recently the company unveiled its new logo, along with details of a worldwide sales and marketing campaign which will reinforce the innovative qualities of the latest range of pumps, and pump systems, now coming on stream.

Incorporated within the new logo design is the “Pumpen Intelligenz” slogan. This epitomises the core philosophy of Wilo and, more especially, the direction of future developments. “At Wilo an emphasis on technological progress continuously heightens the demands for efficiency and reliability of fluid handling systems”, says Tony Cusack.

“Therefore, we are expanding our application know-how into adjacent market segments and are committed to addressing the challenges of water and wastewater management, for every sphere of application. To that end we listen very carefully to our customers, identify their needs, and then devise sustainable, application-oriented pump products and pump systems to satisfy that requirement.

“Sewage and wastewater is a specialist market segment with particular needs and we have developed a tailored portfolio under the Wilo EMU brand to serve it. Manufactured under strictly-controlled quality procedures at a dedicated plant in Hof, Bavaria, this is a growing industry sector and one which has particular significance given the increased awareness of, and emphasis on, environmental protection.

“Pumping systems are crucial for the basic needs of life and the preservation of our environment for future generations. We at Wilo believe that by providing higher-efficiency and lower life-cycle cost pumping solutions, we can help realise that objective while, at the same time, generating commercial benefit for our trading partners such as specifiers, wholesaler and installers”.

Already very strong in Munster, Wilo Engineering established a satellite location approximately 18 months ago in Dublin to further support and strengthen the extent of its national coverage. This is now a fully-fledged branch operation serving all of Leinster, the northern counties, the midlands, the west and northwest of the country.

Fully staffed with both sales and technical support personnel, the office is strategically located in Riverview Business Park, immediately adjacent to the M50 and in the heart of what is fast-becoming the main concentration of building services-related companies in Ireland.

It has a direct broadband link to Wilo Engineering in Limerick and includes state-of-the-art training facilities where technical evenings, training seminars and CPD presentations are regularly carried out.

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**Blücher Stainless Steel Drainage Solutions From BSS**

BSN has had a strong presence in Cork for many years. Throughout that time it has been very involved in the various development stages the region has experienced, be it industrial estates, housing, commercial office parks or the pharmaceutical industry. In the past the emphasis would invariably be on one particular area over another but, such is the rate and scale of present-day activity that BSS is now flat out on all fronts.

Critical to its success is its ability to cater for all these diverse market segments, and to do so by way of ex-stock availability across the entire portfolio of quality, market-leading brands. BSS really is a one-stop-shop for the construction sector, a further strength being the high level of technical support and after-sales service provided.

Despite the intensity of day-to-day activity, BSS still set time aside to look to the future, to identify, assess and source new products, and to bring them to the local marketplace if appropriate. The Blücher range of stainless steel drainage products is the most recent example.

The use of Blücher stainless steel drainage products is commonplace across Europe and the UK, especially in the healthcare, pharmaceutical and similar high-demand applications where the performance of the drainage and plumbing systems is critical. BSS Cork has now introduced this cost-effective, high-performance, low-maintenance range to the Munster region with great success.

The potential applications of the Blücher drainage range are virtually limitless, including:

- Push-fit drainage pipework for above and below ground use;
- Drains suitable for public and industrial areas;
- Linear drainage channel for light and heavy-duty applications;
- Ancillary products such as grease separators, heavy-duty access covers and kitchen channels.

With a high tensile strength, stainless can withstand aggressive rodding without cracking or fracturing, while the smooth bore minimises the risk of waste build-up and blockage. When jointed with an approved silicone-based lubricant, it can be dismantled later and reused in a new application.

Being push-fit, the system can be installed 40% quicker than traditional systems and, at only a third of the weight of some cast-iron, it also takes fewer operatives to handle and install. Because the fittings are made from the pipe itself, adaptors, components and special fittings can be made on very short lead times.

The floor drains and channels suit all floor finishes, including ceramic and quarry tiles, vinyl, resin and concrete. There is also a removable, self-cleaning, water trap which make access for rodding easy and, as an alternative, a water trap with additional flange seal to withstand flooding. All floor drains are both height and tilt adjustable and come in a variety of designs, ranging from pedestrian grating for shower areas through to annular hygienic grating for heavy-duty applications.

One of the latest introductions is the new Waterline Shower Channel. Produced specifically for use in floors with or without membranes, it is available in modular lengths of 300mm, 700mm, 800mm, 900mm and 1000mm. It comes with a choice of gratings and is supplied as an off-the-shelf item.

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Entropic Ltd is a supplier of top-of-the-range ventilation equipment to the HVAC industry with a portfolio of products carefully selected to complement each other. All are supplied with extensive technical data and support material, while Entropic’s team of experts and designers offer effective solutions for a wide range of projects. The objective is to provide system solutions which lower capital costs, decrease life-cycle costs, and provide excellent functionality. Entropic’s mission is ‘to provide reliable, economical, environmentally-friendly and safe indoor climate solutions’.

Critical to that objective is Halton, for whom Entropic is the distributor in Ireland. Specialising in indoor climate and safety technology, Halton is ISO 9001 Quality System certified and is committed to environmentally friendly operations, having achieved ISO 14001 certification. The range of product options is vast and caters for all manner of applications. Included are cooled beams, kitchen canopies, and low-velocity displacement units.

Entropic has devised quite a number of tailored solutions for some of the most prestigious projects completed in Cork recent years. A typical example is the UCC School of Nursing, which incorporates a wide range of Halton products, including diffusers which automatically change profile to suit airflow temperature with no power source required. These are used in the large lecture theatres while many of the other lecture theatres are ventilated, heated and cooled using the Halton range of underseat auditorium diffusers.

The library uses Halton’s adjustable nozzle diffuser to provide large air volumes without draughts while floor and exposed duct grilles are also used and incorporated into the design.

Behind the scenes, airflow is regulated using Halton dampers, including VAV systems which automatically regulate and control the air volumes.

Halton products are also specified on the new UCC School of Pharmacy, which is currently under construction. Included is the Halton UV CaptureRay canopy intended to completely eliminate grease from the kitchen extract.

Other projects in the vicinity featuring Halton CaptureJet technology are the FAS Centre in Bishopstown, currently nearing completion, and Muckross House in Killarney.

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Energy-Efficient Chillers From Aermec

The biggest issue in the air conditioning market today is energy efficiency. One company that is setting new standards in this respect is Aermec, whose products are distributed in the Republic of Ireland by Design Air Ltd, Dublin and Unionaire International Ltd, Newtownards, who look after Northern Ireland.

Aermec is a full range manufacturer of air conditioning products. It is Europe’s largest manufacturer of chillers, producing 9,050 last year, and Europe’s largest manufacturer of fan coils with 15% of a market share. It is also Italy’s number one air conditioning equipment manufacturer. The company has sales of €135 million and employs 560. Importantly, Aermec products are Eurovent certified.

Until just a few years ago nearly all Aermec products were destined for the home market of Italy. Now, under the leadership of Export Director Luigi Rossettini, one third of the products are sold outside Italy, a proportion that is ever-increasing as the company penetrates other European markets.

Aermec equipment is noted for its build quality and for the operational quietness of its products. In Ireland, the relevant products are air-cooled chillers to 1600kW; water-cooled chillers to 1800kW; air handling units up to 25m³/s; and two or four-pipe fan coils, all configurations with factory-installed and tested controls.

Chillers are at the heart of every air conditioning system and are also used in factories to produce chilled water for use in various manufacturing processes. The 9050 Aermec chillers per year include water and air cooled models, many available in heat pump mode, many with screw or twin-screw compressors, with a capacity span across the range of 5kW to 1800kW of cooling.

Unlike competitors, Aermec has full-load operating test bays at the end of each chiller production line where every chiller automatically undergoes full load operating testing. Additionally, full load operating tests, at design conditions, are available in the superbly-equipped Test Chamber.

Aermec has a programme of continuous energy efficiency improvement in place for its products, especially the chillers. This includes a new range of chillers with multi-scrolls, which are exceptionally energy efficient when operating at part load, the mode in which most chillers operate nearly all the time in Ireland.

The latest development is a water cooled chiller which utilises a small centrifugal compressor, delivers excellent COPs, particularly at part-load operation.

In addition, Aermec has introduced a range of “free-cooling” chillers which can deliver energy efficiency ratios up to a factor of 10 times greater than traditional compressor-only chillers. They are called the NRA chillers and there are 15 models in the capacity range of 50kW to 400kW.

Unlike other manufacturers “free-cooling” chillers, Aermec units can each provide “free-cooling” in different ways, depending upon the ambient conditions. They have additional air-water coils to either supplement or replace the cooling power of the compressors. As the ambient temperature falls below that of the return water, then the “free-cooling” coil is introduced into the chilled water circuit, thus reducing the cooling requirement from the compressor.

As the ambient temperature reduces still further, so does the compressor’s operation until finally all of the cooling load is handled by the “free-cooling” coil. What’s more, the “free cooling” engages at a much higher ambient temperature than some competitors can achieve. Like all other Aermec products, these chillers are also Eurovent certified.

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