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CONTRACT AWARD FOR DOCKLANDS ROAD SCHEME

A £7.69m contract has been awarded by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) to Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd for construction of the final phase of the Canary Wharf Eastern Access road.

Work on the 325 metre four lane section of road, linking a roundabout to the west of the Prestons Road with the south side of the entrance to the Blackwall Basin, is expected to start in two weeks with completion scheduled for September 1990. The scheme includes a 21.5m lifting single leaf bascule bridge, 7 metres above water level, across the entrance to the Blackwall Basin. Tenders for the bridge construction are due to be returned in mid-August. The successful tenderer will be sub-contracted to Taylor Woodrow. On the north side, the road includes a 90 metre elevated approach to the bridge on a reinforced earth embankment.

LDDC Chief Executive, Michael Honey, said: "The award of this contract demonstrates the Corporation's continuing commitment to improving access to Docklands. We expect to award contracts for the Limehouse Link and the Lower Lea Crossing road schemes in the near future and the newly approved Beckton extension of the Docklands Light Railway will start in the Autumn".

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The full Canary Wharf Eastern Access scheme will run 750 metres from the new roundabout currently under construction at Prestons Road to the eastern end of Canary Wharf. The section between Prestons Road and a roundabout to the east is being built by Wimpey as part of the preliminary EZ6 road scheme through Leamouth. The road and roundabout to the south of Black Basin will be built by Canary Wharf developers, Olympia & York and integrated into phase two of the 12.2m sq ft financial centre.

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