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(Picture courtesy of Carillion)

Prysmian protects Portsmouth's patients

More than 70,000 metres of Prysmian's new generation FP Plus cable has been used in the ongoing £240 million re-development of the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth.

The need for a highly durable fire alarm cable was paramount for a hospital environment and as FP Plus meets all of the requirements of BS5839-1:2002 and the new integrated fire, shock and water test BS8434-2, Keith Meacher, from wholesaler Newey & Eyre, had no hesitation in his recommendation of the cable.

"Quality was a major factor in product provision for this project and Prysmian has always been the supply partner of choice for Newey & Eyre, especially when a premium cable is required. We supplied the new generation FP Plus cable due to its high specification, ease and speed of installation."

Not only has Prysmian cable been supplied for the development, but also FP Firefix fixing clips. Prysmian's unique fixing system allows FP cables to be installed up to 10 times faster than when using alternatives by making use of gas nailing technology. The fixing can be installed in a range of substrates, from concrete to steel and due to

their metal based design, the FP Firefix system also conforms to the fixing requirements of BS5839-1:2002 for fire resistant cables.

The new hospital, set for completion in Summer 2010, will provide state of the art health care facilities for residents in Portsmouth and South East Hampshire.

To find out more information about Prysmian's Fire Performance cable range visit the website www.fpcables.co.uk

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Note to editors

Prysmian Cables & Systems Limited (formerly Pirelli Cables) is the UK's largest manufacturer of power cables and accessories from low to extremely high voltage, for use in underground, overhead, wind energy and submarine systems. Prysmian is the market leader in products for specialist applications, including hazardous area, fire performance and low smoke zero halogen. In a highly competitive and demanding market, Prysmian is able to call upon its world class research, design, manufacturing and distribution capabilities to meet the constantly changing needs of its customers.

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