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FOREMANS PUBLISHES NEW GUIDE TO PROCURING A PRE-OWNED MODULAR BUILDING

Foremans Relocatable Building Systems, the UK's largest supplier of recycled and refurbished modular buildings, has announced the publication of a new technical paper – '*How to Select a Pre-owned Modular Building*'.



This new industry report provides contractors, architects, and construction clients with a comprehensive guide to procuring a pre-owned modular building. It gives 28 practical tips to help specifiers avoid some of the common pitfalls, and to help ensure modular building projects are completed on time, on budget and to specification.

The use of pre-owned modular buildings continues to increase as more organisations recognise the cost, sustainability and quality benefits of this highly innovative solution to providing new accommodation.

Over the past five years, there has been a significant increase in the demand for recycled modular buildings, and the approach is now widely used in both the public and private sectors to provide high standards of accommodation for permanent and interim applications.

The new technical paper provides a clear guidance about how to select a pre-owned modular building specialist. Points to consider include:

- Assessing the supplier's service commitments
- The supplier's criteria for purchasing modular buildings
- Independent approvals to look for
- Minimum Building Regulations compliance
- Track record of delivery on time and on budget
- Refurbishment and reconfiguration options
- Availability of warranty packages

- Health and safety implications for the building delivery and installation phase.

Commenting on the issue, Kevin Jones, Managing Director of Foremans, said, “There are some distinct advantages to choosing a recycled modular building, but specifiers need to be aware that not all suppliers are the same, and not all will be able to provide the services required for a particular project.”

“Pre-owned modular buildings are a highly cost-effective alternative to new build – an important benefit in the current economic climate when budgets are often restricted. The recycling and refurbishment of relocatable buildings is also one of the most sustainable methods of construction – helping to reduce carbon emissions, waste sent to landfill, and improving a building’s carbon footprint.”

To download a copy of the new technical paper, visit www.foremansbuildings.info.

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Editor's Notes

1. Other advantages of refurbished and recycled modular buildings include:
 - Programme times reduced by up to 70 per cent
 - Less disruption during construction
 - The buildings can easily be expanded, reconfigured or removed if space requirements change
 - High quality steel-framed modular buildings are built to last and require fewer groundworks than traditional site-based construction – further reducing cost, disruption and programme times
 - The approach generates less than 10 per cent of the carbon emissions and uses less than 3 per cent of the energy during construction, compared to a newly manufactured building of equivalent size (*source: MPBA/Arup*).
 - This is a highly thermally efficient solution. In independent tests for air permeability, Foremans’ recycled modular buildings have performed up to 80 per cent better than Building Regulations requirements – reducing energy consumption, running costs and carbon emissions.

2. Foremans offers the UK's largest selection of refurbished *Portakabin* buildings available from stock. It provides a nationwide service from its 30,000sqm production centre in East Yorkshire, and its new southern regional centre in Hemel Hempstead.

The company offers a full range of construction services, including planning, finance, design, space planning, project management, groundworks, fitting out, delivery, site installation, testing and commissioning.