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MICHAEL RUSSELL MSP OPENS NEW BREEDON ASPHALT PLANT NEAR INVERARAY

Breedon Group plc, the UK's largest independent construction materials group, has marked a significant investment in west Scotland with the opening of a replacement asphalt plant at its Furnace quarry near Inveraray. The plant was officially opened by Michael Russell, MSP for Argyll & Bute, who unveiled a plaque to commemorate the event during a visit to the plant today by local Breedon customers.

Furnace quarry is one of several in the region owned by Breedon, which operates around 30 quarries, 17 asphalt plants and 50 ready-mixed concrete plants throughout Scotland. The group has operated at Furnace for over 15 years, producing a range of products for the local construction industry, and employs more than 50 people across the county.

The investment in a replacement plant was driven by the local community's need for a ready and reliable source of asphalt supplies to meet future demand from regional roadbuilding and maintenance schemes, as well as from local building firms and householders. It replaces an old and increasingly inefficient plant which had reached the end of its useful life.

Alan Mackenzie, chief executive of Breedon Northern, explains: "We all appreciate the need to keep our roads in good condition, especially in a rural area like Argyll & Bute. We're pleased to have been supporting the local community in this way for many years and this investment will enable us to continue doing so for many to come."

Michael Russell MSP added: "It's great to see the investment not only in this facility, but also from the local contractors who are all investing in the road network, which is a long-term commitment in Argyll & Bute."

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Note to editors

Breedon Group plc is the UK's largest independent construction materials group. Breedon operates the country's largest cement plant, two cementitious import terminals, around 60 quarries, 26 asphalt plants, around 200 ready-mixed concrete plants and three concrete products plants nationwide. The Group employs more than 2,200 people and has around 750 million tonnes of mineral reserves and resources. Its strategy is to continue growing organically and through the acquisition of businesses in the UK heavyside construction materials market.