Fitzpatrick plc Standardises On Project Progress For Refurbishment Contract With Barts and The London NHS Trust

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Automated PRINCE 2 Delivery Platform Provides Audit Trail, Manages Risk and Enables Real Time Visibility For £2 Million John Harrison House Project

Web-based project solutions specialist, Project Progress Ltd, today announced that Fitzpatrick plc, one the UK's largest privately owned construction contractors, has standardised on its flagship Projectprogress™ platform for online automated PRINCE 2 delivery.

Fitzpatrick are the main contractors for the refurbishment of John Harrison House, a nine storey 1960s building, which is being converted into the new offices for the executive of Barts and The London NHS Trust in a contract worth in excess of £2 million. Fitzpatrick have selected the Projectprogress platform to manage all of its projects with the Trust. The in-house Projects Team within Barts and The London NHS Trust are also existing users of Projectprogress for its Capital and Facilities Directorate, which is responsible for managing numerous ongoing capital and building projects.

"Projectprogress provides everyone involved with instant information at the touch of a button," said Mark Thomas, Healthcare Director for Fitzpatrick plc. "In projects such as John Harrison House, where there are many stakeholders involved, Projectprogress gives the opportunity for people on the periphery of the project with the ability to provide input without being dragged into half day off site meetings, as well as track the project's progress at each stage of development. From our perspective, it also provides us with a completely auditable electronic process. This not only gives us peace of mind in terms of compliance and good corporate governance, but on a practical level, it also means that we don't have to archive paper copies of historical files, which in some cases we have to retain for up to twelve years."

The Projectprogress platform is the only online solution providing complete PRINCE 2 automation. Unlike other project management tools, Projectprogress provides an online collaborative platform to ensure full compliance of PRINCE 2. This includes a real time dashboard for the management of projects with multiple participants from multiple organisations on a permissions-based access with unprecedented levels of security. These elements are essential for ensuring simultaneous, comprehensive management of large complex projects adhered to the highest levels of compliance, auditing and security.

Built on the PAOGA web services platform for enhanced security and compliance, Projectprogress is offered as a utility service with no up front investment or installation of software or hardware. Organisations can simply turn the application on and off on a monthly basis and only pay for what they actually use.

"The construction industry is a natural fit for Projectprogress due to the large scale nature of

projects and the number of people involved in multiple locations and from numerous organisations," said Adam Smith, CEO of Project Progress Ltd. "In this instance, because both Fitzpatrick and the in-house Projects Team at Barts and The London NHS Trust are Project Progress customers, they are able to harness complete visibility up and down the value chain, tracking the progress of the John Harrison House project at a very granular level. In addition to working with Fitzpatrick, we're currently talking to a number of major construction industry contractors regarding wider adoption of the Projectprogress platform."

With a turnover in excess of £200 million, Fitzpatrick plc is a main contractor in the areas of building, civil engineering, rail, facilities management and highways services. The company began using the Projectprogress platform in late 2004 initially for the design element of John Harrison House and have now standardised on its use for its commercial projects with Barts and The London NHS Trust.

About Project Progress Ltd
Project Progress Ltd is a Web Services Operator specialising in the delivery of project-related solutions on an Application Service Provider basis for multiple markets. Project Progress is the market leader for automated PRINCE 2 delivery and compliance. The Projectprogress platform is aimed at a wide range of PRINCE 2 compliant organisations, enabling management of multiple projects in disparate locations, as well as providing a key tool for smaller companies that need to manage projects effectively. The company is forecasting 5,000 users per month by October 2005. Existing customers include the NHS, Fitzpatrick and Interserve to name but a few. www.projectprogress.com

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