

Media Release

Gleeds appointed on creation of Dairy Crest's Innovation Centre

International management and construction consultancy, Gleeds, has been appointed by Dairy Crest as Commercial Managers to oversee the construction of the 'Dairy Crest Innovation Centre' at Harper Adams University, Edgmond, Newport, Shropshire.

The project, designed by architects Michael Hyde & Associates Limited, will involve the development of a 1,485 sq metre purpose-built Innovation Centre on Harper Adams University campus - the UK's leading food and agricultural university.

The partnership will enhance Dairy Crest's product innovation through regular interaction with staff and students as well as providing Dairy Crest with a link into leading research within the agriculture and food sectors. Dairy Crest will further support the University curriculum by providing student placements, staff secondments and guest speakers.

Other innovative projects within the world of industry sponsored academia with which Gleeds have recently been involved, include the Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre for MTC Ltd in Coventry and the Transport Systems Catapult in Milton Keynes.

Lindsay McCombe, Gleeds Director for the Midlands commented, 'Gleeds are proud to be part of a project that will help to inspire future professionals within the agricultural and food science sectors and value the importance of creating nurturing and innovative learning environments for our clients.'

Construction is due for completion in August 2015.

Notes for editors

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Working with clients in almost every sector, Gleeds services the entire project lifecycle and categorises its offering into the following core areas: programme and project management, commercial and contract management, property and asset management and advisory.