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## Kier selects edison365 as its world-wide innovation platform partner

**Marlow, UK – today edison365, the award-winning innovation and project portfolio management platform, announce its appointment by Kier to deliver its innovation platform globally.**

Kier, a leading infrastructure services, buildings and developments & housing group, wanted to deliver on one of its six strategic priorities; 'to embrace innovation and technology' across its business. Kier has invested in a single standardised platform 'VOICE', powered by edison365, this is the new place for Kier employees to innovate and to help make Kier be as good as it can be by sharing ideas. This will enable the Kier Innovation Forum and all Kier employees to have an equal opportunity for their voices to be heard, empowering them to challenge the way that Kier thinks.

Over a period of six months Kier assessed the market for Innovation solutions, undertaking an in-depth evaluation of eight solutions before selecting edison365. edison365 stood out from the competition with its slick and easy-to-use interface, 'built for' Office 365 approach and single sign-on access for its employees.

"At Kier, our dedicated innovation team has a long-term goal to raise our profile as a forward-thinking innovative business, and through VOICE we will be way on the path to doing this. It's essential we include all our employees equally at all levels to share their ideas; we have seen the power of collaboration and how by empowering diversity of thought and expertise we might already have the answer or solution to our challenges. edison365 enables us to reach out to all employees, helping us to work smarter, deliver real return on investment and to make sure that Kier is the best it can be."

### ***Mark Austin, Innovation Director at Kier***

All employees with a Kier email address have access to edison365. It will be as easy as accessing any other Microsoft Office 365 application. Key challenges employees are working on include digital transformation, offsite manufacturing, lifecycle performance, and cultural and social aspects of group operations. These are themes that will aid Kier to deliver its Vision 2020 Big Picture targets and continue to operate as a successful and sustainable business.

"It's exciting to be working with Kier. Construction and building services are often seen as traditional industries with tried and tested approaches. It's great to see Kier place Innovation & technology at the core of its strategic vision and lead the way by empowering its entire workforce to embrace change and create ideas for new ways of working."

### ***Ivan Lloyd, Chief Innovation Officer, edison365***

## About Kier:

Kier Group plc is a leading infrastructure services, buildings and developments & housing group. We operate across a range of sectors including defence, education, health, housing, industrials, power, transport and utilities. Listed on the London Stock Exchange, we are a constituent of the FTSE 250 Index.

With a head office at Tempsford Hall in Bedfordshire and a network of over 85 UK offices Kier offers national coverage across all of its core activities. With a turnover in excess of £4bn, Kier has the financial strength and technical expertise to undertake some of the most significant construction, civil engineering and service contracts in the country.

## About edison365:

The edison365 suite leverages Microsoft Office 365 to deliver the freedom to crowdsource ideas from employees, and the method to implement them. Combining innovative award-winning ideation and Portfolio Management modules, edison365 turns your good ideas into great business solutions. With edison365**ideas**, businesses can identify areas of focus, and crowdsource ideas from their employees to achieve specific, valuable problem-solving, while giving them a voice and platform to raise their ideas. Then, using edison365**projects**, the award-winning Microsoft PPM solution, businesses can seamlessly execute projects through an intuitive, sleek interface, to generate measurable results based on insight from every level of the organisation.

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