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SYSTRA Ireland expands footprint opening Cork City office

World-leading transport and infrastructure engineering and consultancy business SYSTRA continues its growth in Ireland by opening an office in Cork City in direct response to its widening work portfolio.

The new office space is located in the heart of the bustling regenerated Cork Docklands area at Lapps Quay. The opening of the new office reflects SYSTRA's ongoing expansion in Ireland.

SYSTRA's Cork office will be managed by newly appointed Director, John Paul FitzGerald, a chartered engineer with 20 years' experience in transport engineering, planning, modelling and appraisal. John Paul has an impressive track record in delivering for the Southern Region's growth ambitions as Project Manager on the Metropolitan Area Transport Strategies for Cork, Limerick-Shannon and Waterford, and on projects including the Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade, Cork Docks Regeneration, Limerick Inter-City Rail Improvements, and Kilkenny Active Travel Networks. With John Paul's leadership, SYSTRA is poised to support the development of much needed transport improvements in Cork City and beyond.

SYSTRA is one of Ireland's leading transport planning, engineering and infrastructure specialists, working on key projects for the Department of Transport, National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Irish Rail. SYSTRA has been pivotal in supporting Cork's growth through its work on Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, Cork City Centre Movement Strategy, Cork Light Rail Transit and Cork BusConnects.

John Paul FitzGerald, Director Southern Region, SYSTRA said, *"With Cork metropolitan area having a projected population growth of over 50% by 2040, it's an exciting time to be opening an office in Cork City. Personally, it means a lot to me and to SYSTRA to support the delivery of the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy, and to help Cork transform into a leader in sustainable transport. Our work on transport projects right across Ireland is diverse and incredibly rewarding. As well as growing our portfolio of work in Ireland we will continue to support our colleagues on complex global projects in the UK, France and around the world."*

Nick Salt, Managing Director UK & Ireland, SYSTRA, said, *"Our new office in Cork City is testament to our commitment to our local clients in Ireland. We are looking forward to growing our business in the region and supporting the delivery of sustainable infrastructure across the country."*

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ABOUT SYSTRA

SYSTRA in the UK and Ireland leads the delivery of sustainable infrastructure and environments through specialist engineering and consultancy services.

A world leader in mobility and mass transit, we deliver planning and development consultancy, engineering design, project management, and specialist technical services, that enable the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and essential services.

With over 1000 employees throughout the UK & Ireland our shared mission is to help create and connect liveable cities and neighbourhoods bringing people together and facilitating their access to employment, healthcare, education, and leisure.

Notes to Editor:

1. John Paul FitzGerald is available for interview or comment.
2. The address of SYSTRA's Cork office is: City Quarter, Lapps Quay, Cork City, County Cork.
3. SYSTRA has 11 offices throughout England and Scotland and two in Ireland, Dublin and Cork City.
4. John Paul FitzGerald will lead the Southern Region office and Ian Byrne remains Business Director for SYSTRA Ireland.
5. SYSTRA provides engineering and consultancy advice to clients in Ireland including the Department of Transport, National Transport Authority, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Irish Rail.
6. With over 1,000 employees throughout Ireland and the UK, we work with our clients to think through complex issues concerning the delivery of sustainable infrastructure and environments.
7. SYSTRA is a registered subsidiary of SYSTRA Group which is approaching 11,000 employees worldwide.

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