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Whitemoor Yard Gets Green Light

May Gurney has been awarded a £1.4m contract by Network Rail to design, install, test and commission signalling works at Whitemoor Yard in March, near Peterborough.

Russell Adams, Managing Director, May Gurney Rail Services said, "The project win is great news for us. It is the first large signalling contract to be won by May Gurney since we acquired signalling management company, Hawthorns Project Management Ltd, late in 2005."

The main scope of the project is to provide an improved signalling facility for trains entering and leaving the new Network Rail Whitemoor Regional Distribution Centre, which is located adjacent to March station on the Ely to Peterborough main line. The marshalling centre is used as a depot for the supply of engineering materials, such as ballast, for projects across the country.

A Network Rail spokesperson added, "The reason we awarded the contract to May Gurney is due to the integrated services of the May Gurney group, which allows the project to be supported by their in-house experts."

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Notes to Editor

Due to the extent of the remit and the limited time periods for access to the railway, the project has been broken down into seven commissioning stages. The first six will take place in short nine-hour possessions of the track. The main commissioning will take place over two days, 2-4 Sept 2006.

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The signalling alterations on the Peterborough to Ely lines, will include the replacement of the absolute block between March East and March South signal boxes with track circuit block, line speed change, provision of additional power supply, renewal of March East and March South signal box diagrams and repositioning of existing signals.

On the entrance/exit to Whitemoor Yard, five new signals, with their associated control equipment, will be housed in adjacent location cases. Additionally, track circuit changes, associated telephones, the introduction of point machines and replacement of existing machines, point detection and point heaters will be installed.

Civils work includes the installation of a new Relocatable Equipment Building and base, associated fencing, signal and location case bases, troughing routes for the signalling and power cables; signal walkways and recovery of some existing signals and wiring.

About May Gurney

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