

Media Release



SMEC strengthens high-end urban development capabilities through parent company Surbana Jurong Group's acquisition of Robert Bird Group.

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SMEC's parent company, Surbana Jurong Group, has announced that Robert Bird Group, one of Australia's leading structural, civil and construction engineering firms, will join the global network of Singapore-based urban, industrial and infrastructure consulting business Surbana Jurong Private Limited (Surbana Jurong).

Robert Bird Group will be acquired in full and will operate as a member of the Surbana Jurong Group, with the firm's expertise in complex structural, civil and construction engineering to complement Surbana Jurong's and SMEC's existing focus on urban, industrial and infrastructure developments.

The deal immediately strengthens SMEC's global footprint, accelerating its entrance into UK, Europe while offering new opportunities in its established markets of Australia, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. The natural synergies and complementary strengths between SMEC, Robert Bird Group and other businesses within the Surbana Jurong network will also deliver a stronger, more integrated proposition for clients.

"SMEC is excited about the opportunities this new partnership provides for our clients and looks forward to realising synergies across all three companies to supply high-end, complex infrastructure and urban development services. Alongside our sister-company RBG and parent-company Surbana Jurong Group, we can now offer clients specialist urban development expertise, either independently or as a combined entity," said Hari Poologasundram, SMEC ANZ CEO.

Established in 1982 in Brisbane, the Robert Bird Group has extensive experience working across a range of high-profile global projects, including London's Westfield Whitecity Shopping Centre, Dubai's ICD Brookfield Place tower, and Sydney's One Central Park tower and Darling Harbour Live development.

The firm, which employs 600 people across their 10 global offices, has worked successfully with Surbana Jurong and SMEC in the past including on the Westin Hotel Darwin and the Queensland Government's Logan Enhancement Project.

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About Robert Bird Group

Founded in Brisbane, Australia, and named in The Australian Financial Review's 50 Most Innovative Companies for 2017, Robert Bird Group is a specialist consulting engineering firm with over 600 staff across more than 10 offices located around the globe. Its vision is "the relentless pursuit of engineering excellence".

The Group offers consulting engineering services across five disciplines within the built environment including structural engineering, civil engineering, construction engineering, geotechnical engineering (UK only), digital engineering (BIM Management, 4D Visualisation, and Digital Design). These services are offered both as stand-alone and packaged disciplines across most building and infrastructure sectors, including public and private projects.

www.robertbird.com

About Surbana Jurong Private Limited

Temasek-owned Surbana Jurong Private Limited (SJ) is one of the largest Asia-based urban, industrial and infrastructure consulting firms. Leveraging technology and creativity, SJ provides one-stop consultancy solutions across the entire value chain of the urbanisation, industrialisation and infrastructure domains.

Headquartered in Singapore, the SJ Group has a global workforce of 13,000 employees in 123 offices across 44 countries in Asia, Australia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas, and an annual turnover of around S\$1.3 billion. SJ has a track record of over 50 years, and has built more than a million homes in Singapore, crafted master plans for more than 30 countries and developed over 50 industrial parks globally. SJ's motto 'Building Cities, Shaping Lives' reflects its belief that development is more than just steel and concrete. SJ creates spaces and designs infrastructure where people live, work and play, shaping cities into homes with sustainable jobs where communities and businesses can flourish.

The Surbana Jurong Group of companies also includes Australian iconic engineering power-house Snowy Mountain Engineering Company (SMEC), Singaporean engineering consultants KTP, China-based architecture and engineering firm Sino-Sun, Singaporean safety and security company AETOS, and stakes in Chinese construction and engineering company CITIC and construction, architecture and engineering data sharing firm Flux (the first company launched by Google X).

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