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Build Update: ICC Wales construction enters new phase

The team behind the construction of Wales' new convention centre – ICC Wales, has announced that it has reached an important milestone in the £84 million project. Over half of the steel for the build is now in place, including the framework for the 1,500-seat auditorium, most of the steel for the main hall, and five of the eight roof trusses.

With just over a year to go until the build reaches completion, sub trades such as mechanical and electrical engineers are also now on site alongside construction workers. The number of trades on site is expected to reach a peak in June, when there will be over 360 workers on the 26,000sqm site – the highest number of the entire build.

Russell Phillips, Vice President of Facilities and Development, said: “We have seen fantastic progress on the site recently, with the building rapidly taking shape. We are on schedule to have the building watertight by the end of November, ready for the second fix, and on target for our completion in summer 2019.”

Economy Secretary Ken Skates said: “Our new £84m International Convention Centre will be a huge economic asset to Wales, enabling us to compete with any venue in Europe to attract key events. It is an excellent example of what can be achieved through collaboration between Welsh Government and the private sector.”

ICC Wales also announced this week that it has awarded contracts worth over £22 million to businesses in South Wales for the construction of the Newport convention centre, providing a massive boost to the economy of the region.

22 firms from across the South Wales region have been awarded contracts for various aspects of the build. When complete, ICC Wales is expected to bring £70 million a year into the Welsh economy.

An £83.7m joint venture between Celtic Manor and Welsh Government, when it opens next year, ICC Wales will accommodate 5,000 delegates and includes a 4,000sqm pillar-free main hall, a 1,500-seated auditorium, 12 flexible meeting rooms, a double-height glass atrium and a 2,500sqm outdoor plaza.

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IMAGE CAPTIONS

217 - The covered roof of Zone E which will house meeting rooms, green rooms, business centre and offices (left); and the steel framework for the 1,500-seat auditorium (right).

285 - View over adjoining woodland to the entire construction site showing (from left to right), kitchens and ancillary ramp access to main hall; steel framework for the 4,000 sq m main hall; steel framework for the 1,500-seat auditorium; and covered roof of Zone E which will house meeting rooms, green rooms, business centre and offices.

297- View over covered roof of Zone E which will house meeting rooms, green rooms, business centre and offices (left) to steel framework for the 1,500-seat auditorium showing its feature sloped wall (centre), and steel framework for the main hall (right).

Notes to editors

ICC Wales is managed by Celtic Manor's expert leadership team responsible for the successful delivery of the 2014 Nato Summit and the 2010 Ryder Cup. Opening in 2019, the ICC Wales is located within the grounds of the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport just two minutes from the M4.