



EVENT PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday 6th December 2011, Lowri Beck, a Wigan based company is pleased to announce that they officially opened their new Headquarters at the Mayor's Quay Building Swan Meadow Road, Wigan. This site was formerly the old Mayors Boatyard, built in the 19th century and situated alongside the Leeds and Liverpool canal. The boatyard had been abandoned for over two decades. A National Lottery grant together with financial investment from British Waterways saw the derelict site restored to its former Victorian glory. Due to



Lowri Beck's continued expansion the new site aims to provide further office space, along with enabling us to have the Corporate, Sales and Marketing, Finance & HR functions in one building.

The office was officially opened by the Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Joy Birch, along with the project team, partners, external clients and the local press in attendance.

The opening of Mayor's Quay makes this the company's fifth office in the town. Lowri Beck also has a 60-seat operations centre in Triangle House, Swan Meadow Road, a Customer Service centre for their meter reading business in Rodney House, King Street, a National Meter Operations Centre on Swan Meadow Road and a 45-seat call centre at Westward House, King Street West. Lowri Beck's annual turnover is now in excess of £24 million and has over 200 people employed in the Wigan area alone.

Since the business began in 1996, Lowri Beck has set itself apart from its competitors by its flexible approach in supporting the data collection requirements of our customers, be they large energy suppliers, through to small new start utilities and businesses.

Bob Vernon, Managing Director and Chairman of Lowri Beck, said:

“Our business has grown significantly over the years, from turning over just under £4million in 2004 to in excess of £24 million today. Over the years we have made great business partners who have stuck by us during the ups and downs. We are delighted to see that many of them have joined us today. We’ve also had some fantastic commitment from our people throughout good times and bad and we’re very grateful to them for their support. The opening of our fifth building in the area is testament to our commitment to Wigan. Our intention is to continue to grow and develop our people, to continue to expand our business activities and to take advantage of any opportunities to diversify into new areas of work.”

The Mayor of Wigan, Councillor **Joy Birch**, said:

“It is great to see a company staying in the borough and continue to grow and invest.”

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Notes to Editors

Lowri Beck is a group of companies based out of the Wigan area providing a range of data capture and field services to the Utility Industry and associated businesses. Established in 1996, they provide energy meters, meter reading, meter installation, contact centre services and field management systems.

Lowri Beck operate under the names of Lowri Beck Services Limited (meter provision, meter reading, meter operations and data capture), Lowri Beck Solutions Limited (contact centre and business process outsourcing) and Lowri Beck Systems Limited (field management systems and technology).

Photograph attached is taken by **Sam Reynolds**, Shoot the Living –

www.shoottheliving.com.

Left to right – Colette Parry (Corporate Affairs Manager), Tracy Sanderson (Corporate Affairs & Communications Director), John Heath (Sales & Marketing Director), Mayor of Wigan Councillor Joy Birch, her Consort Albert Bradley, Bob Vernon (Managing Director)