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Work Gets Underway At Iconic G1 Development

A 400 tonne tower crane is now on-site to support building work at the iconic G1 office development in Glasgow's George Square.

The full demolition programme is now complete and all that remains of the former GPO building is the A-listed Victorian façade which has been retained on three sides.

The installation of the crane will allow work to begin on the inner structure of the building.

Piling work has been completed on site, with work completing this week on the concrete base for the central core. Piling caps are scheduled for installation next week, with the floor slab planned for completion in the next two weeks.

G1 Glasgow, being developed by HF Developments, will provide 130,000 sq ft of prime grade A office in the heart of Glasgow city centre when it is completed in January 2009.

The redevelopment of the 132 year-old former GPO building – which will regenerate the southern corner of George Square – will also feature a four-storey glass roof extension providing panoramic views over the Glasgow skyline.

William Hill, Managing Director of HF Developments, said: "G1 is without a doubt one of the most exciting business locations in the UK and it is exciting to see work get underway on this unique development.

"We are progressing well with the substructure and expect the erection of the steel frame to begin in the first week in December, which is always a critical milestone for

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any development.”

“Every detail from the lighting to the floor plates and luxurious open top terraces has been meticulously planned, and we hope that it is this attention to detail that will ensure G1 is recognised as Glasgow’s top business address.”

Lambert Smith Hampton and CB Richard Ellis are joint letting agents on the G1 development and will play a crucial role in attracting businesses to the unique city centre location.

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Notes to Editors: HFD Group

Founded in 1989 by William Hill, HFD has a corporate structure of three independent property groups, namely investment, development and management.

HFD’s current investment portfolio is valued in excess of £100m, which is expected to reach £250m within the next 18 months. The Group has developed over two million sq ft of office, call centre and leisure accommodation throughout the central belt of Scotland. This year’s development programme will see construction of a further eight office buildings across four sites, with a combined development value of £166m.

Firmly established as Scotland’s leading provider of serviced and managed office accommodation, HFD Group owns and manages over 275,000 sq ft of serviced office space at two of the country’s premier business parks, Strathclyde Business Park and Hamilton International Park. For more information on the HFD Group, log onto www.hfdevelopments.com

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