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New affordable housing deal signed for Leith

Forth Ports has completed another significant deal with Port of Leith Housing Association (POLHA) which will deliver more than 130 affordable housing units at Edinburgh's waterfront.

This is the second deal agreed between the two organizations within the Western Harbour development, following on from an announcement last April that over 100 affordable units would be constructed at Newhaven Place. Both developments will include environmentally sustainable features with a number of units being specially designed to accommodate disabled residents.

The latest development is the second segment of four affordable housing sites to be situated at Western Harbour, with a total of 434 units incorporated within its masterplan. Building work is set to commence in 2009 with completion expected the following year.

Mohanjit Singh, Managing Director at POLHA said: "In social housing terms, this is a significant deal for us which will make a big impact in addressing the current shortage and high demand for affordable homes in the area. This is important to the city as many of these homes will go to people who are working in key jobs such as teachers, joiners and firefighters."

Douglas Coleman, Projects Director of Forth Property Developments Limited, said: "We are committed to delivering affordable housing across all our developments at the waterfront. There will be more than 400 affordable units within Western Harbour, a further 525 at Granton Harbour and additional 4,000 included within the outline planning application for Leith Docks. This is an extremely important element in the overall development of Leith and Edinburgh as a whole. We are pleased to be working closely with the City Council and organisations such as POLHA to make this happen."

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