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Utilities infrastructure specialist in partnership with UK Power Networks



Utilities infrastructure specialist, Falco, has strengthened its partnership with UK Power Networks following a recent contract announcement. From 1st February 2022, the London-based company will be providing planned and responsive excavation services to cover faults, small services and unmetered connections (UMC) in the underground infrastructure of Britain's largest electricity distributor.

In all of its three operating areas – London, Eastern and Southern Power Networks (LPN, EPN and SPN) the new contract means that Falco will be responsible for works in the underground infrastructure of Britain's largest electricity distributor

Following a competitive tendering process Falco was reappointed as the primary groundworks providers for the LPN area following a 3-year hiatus. The EPN contract has now been renewed.

The new combined contract is for an initial 4-year duration with an option to extend by 2 years. The EPN area covers the East of England. LPN encompasses the Greater London area.

Falco was appointed as the primary groundworks contractor for SPN in 2019. "This new & expanded contract signals a major expansion of our service portfolio requiring significant investment in fleet, plant

and human resources," says Falco's Managing Director, Brendan Griffin, "It is an acknowledgement of the quality and consistency of the work we have done to support and collaborate with UK Power Networks over the last nine years."

Falco has now worked on UK Power Networks infrastructure for over 15 years initially as a sub-contractor to, among others, Laing O'Rourke and Skanska.

The company was awarded tier-1 contractor status in 2013 when winning a 4-year contract for London. Four years later the company was appointed to provide planned and responsive services for the East of England area.

"We are delighted to announce Falco's re-appointment to EPN for the next 4 years as well as their return to LPN region," said Mark Simmons, Head of Powercare at UK Power Networks.

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"Its presence and commitment to continuous improvement and use of new technologies will help maintain and improve our networks, while delivering great customer service in the most safe, efficient, effective way."

Falco transitioned to an employee ownership and governance model in March 2021 as part of building a succession plan for the business.

The award of this enhanced and expanded framework agreement from UK Power Networks underpins the medium-term future of Falco and allows further development of capabilities that will help build a bigger and even better business that is well placed to serve the changing needs of key infrastructure owners.

Falco recently took on a framework contract to provide planned and responsive excavation, ducting and cable laying services for planned & unplanned works to UKPN's Eastern Power Network. The workstreams include faults, small services, unmetered connections capital upgrade projects on the network and new connections at locations as far afield as Colchester, Purfleet, Lea Valley, Hemel Hempstead, Pinner and Borehamwood.

Falco Construction Ltd is an Independent Connections Provider and currently holds the National Electricity Registration Scheme (NERS) and Achilles Verify® Accreditations. Operating across London and the South East, Falco Construction Ltd provides a broad scope of services to the electrical industry.

Its services include both Contestable and Non-Contestable works, where the company has extensive knowledge and experience of new installations, fault repair and ongoing maintenance, ensuring the delivery of cost effective solutions in a timely and safe manner.

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