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Alison Perry appointed first female chair of the National Federation of Builders

Alison Perry has been sworn in as the 2011 chair of the National Federation of Builders (NFB). Perry, Managing Director of family owned firm Triangle Builders Ltd, has taken the reins as the first female chair of the NFB, in her home city of Liverpool, where the infamous The Hard Days Night Hotel played host to the historic event.

The event took place on the evening of the Tuesday 28th June, followed by an annual dinner that saw heads of other European construction federations come together, including Tom Parlon, Director General of the Irish Construction Industry Federation.

Alison set out her vision for the Federation and for the success of the construction industry in difficult economic times. She said: "I am delighted and proud to become Chair of the National Federation of Builders. I am looking to champion key policy agendas that I feel are critical to the success of both the Federation, and the sustainability of its members as employers.

"Growth of business is crucial to any organisation – the Federation is no exception. I aim to strive to grow the Federation in order to effect change for the benefit of its members and the industry as a whole.

"I am also proud to be part of such a remarkably flexible and resilient industry. Despite huge job losses and high levels of insolvencies, the construction industry continues to play a major part in generating economic activity. We, as a federation and as an industry, look forward to being at the forefront of efforts to move the UK to a low carbon economy."

Alison takes on the prestigious position from outgoing Chair John Robinson from Nottingham.

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Notes to Editor:

1. The NFB is one of the UK's longest established trade federations for small to medium-sized (SME) builders, contractors and house builders across England and Wales. It was created 150 years ago to represent the building profession and to help create the conditions for its members to thrive and contribute to the economic success of the UK. Its members range from the sole trader to large, multi-million pound construction companies, with turnover ranging from below £500k to £500m plus. The NFB provides advice, training and business solutions to ensure members stay up to date.
2. The NFB campaigns on the issues that impact the construction industry such as procurement, utilities, sustainability and funding. It represents the industry at government and industry forums and is an active media commentator and policy influencer.