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Morgan Sindall to extend Coca-Cola factory in Yorkshire

Morgan Sindall has been awarded a £6.7 million contract to carry out a major extension to Europe's largest soft drinks factory for Coca-Cola Enterprises (CCE) in West Yorkshire.

The company will build a 15,800 sq metre extension to CCE's existing bottling facility and distribution centre in Wakefield.

The project, part of a £30 million investment by CCE into the factory, includes creating a new 12,000 sq metre trailer park with capacity to house 80 articulated vehicles adjacent to a new dispatch building of approximately 3,840 sq metres. The building will include 21 dock levellers to service rear-loading trailers and an adjacent base for a new 40-metre high automated racking facility.

The project is designed to achieve a BREEAM rating of Very Good. Through expanding the distribution centre, CCE expects to make significant savings in CO2 emissions by reducing the number of vehicle journeys its fleet makes every year.

The bottling facility, which was built in 1989, has grown to occupy a site equivalent to the size of 15 football pitches and produces more than three million cans of drink every day.

Chris Brown, area director for Morgan Sindall, says: "We have a wealth of experience in working around live manufacturing sites and we welcome the opportunity to use our skills and capabilities at one of the largest soft drinks factories in the world. It's a real pleasure to deliver a scheme which will help to boost the operational and environmental efficiency of a global leader in the soft drinks industry."

Coca-Cola Enterprises, which employs 4,500 people in the UK, one of the largest Coca-Cola bottlers in the world and the sole licensed bottler for The Coca-Cola Company in the UK.

Work is due for completion in February 2013.

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