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## **Bumper Deals Total for Dundas & Wilson**

Dundas & Wilson's projects team is celebrating beating its own record, having completed 22 deals in a year (July 05 - July 06).

The first quarter of financial year 2006/07 has been a scorcher with the projects teams in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow closing six major deals in just six weeks with a combined value of well over £1.2 billion.

These were, Argyll & Bute Phase 2 (education – Scotland), Project Alpha (water – Northern Ireland), South Lanarkshire (education – Scotland), Scottish Water (water – Scotland), Northlink Ferries (transport - Scotland) and Bristol Schools (education – England). Two of these, (Project Alpha and Bristol Schools) were also UK firsts.

The spread demonstrates the geographic reach of the Dundas & Wilson team, with a deal completion split of 9 English deals, 10 Scottish deals, 2 UK wide, and 1 in Northern Ireland. It also underlines D&W's project capability in emerging sectors, including the first signed Building Schools for the Future project, a pathfinding Northern Irish water project, and the biggest signed streetlighting deal in the UK to date.

Michael McAuley heads up the Projects team at Dundas & Wilson, having taken over as Alan Campbell stepped up to the managing partner role in May 2006. McAuley explains, "Our activity reflects the strength and depth of our projects practice across the UK, with the majority of the twenty two deals completed in the last year being pathfinder or emerging sector projects.

"The geographic split also mirrors the greatly increased capacity in our London office, which now employs 54 fee-earners. Prospects for the next year look equally encouraging as the flow of public sector deals shows no signs of slowing."

Dundas & Wilson was recently named in the top 10 global PPP dealmakers by Infrastructure Journal Online.

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**Notes for editors**

Dundas & Wilson, in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow, is involved in many of the UK's largest deals. D&W comprises some 500 people throughout the UK, including more than 300 lawyers and 73 partners.

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