

## Press information

# HOCHTIEF takes over facility management at Zollverein, a UNESCO world heritage site

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### **Operation of building technology and infrastructure subject to preservation orders - HOCHTIEF built colliery and coking plant in 1930s**

HOCHTIEF Facility Management will be taking over the technical, commercial and infrastructural building management of the UNESCO world heritage site, the Zollverein Colliery in Essen, from January 1, 2010 for an initial period of three years. The company has concluded a corresponding contract with the Zollverein Foundation which foresees an optional three-year extension. It was agreed that no details of the contract value would be disclosed. HOCHTIEF constructed the industrial site in 1931 in Bauhaus style.

This monument to industrial culture extends over a total area of more than 660,000 square meters, all of which will be operated by HOCHTIEF Facility Management. The site contains 30 buildings, including the former colliery and the adjacent coking plant, and will also be home to the new Ruhr Museum in future. HOCHTIEF will be operating and servicing the building technology of these properties in compliance with their existing preservation orders, and will be performing many additional infrastructural duties. The facility manager will also be monitoring the operating costs, providing some rental management services, and lending its support at numerous events at Zollverein, particularly during Capital of Culture 2010. Another challenge for HOCHTIEF is to reduce the world heritage site's energy costs using modern energy management.