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BRONZE FOR AJE ENTRANCEWAY

AJE has played an integral role in the design of the entrance way to the new Perth Museum which is the new home to the Stone of Destiny.

The museum will open to the public on Easter weekend following a £27m development project and at its heart will sit the stone, also known as the Stone of Scone. Returning to Perthshire for the first time in over 700 years, the Stone will be the centrepiece of the new museum

Working with Nairn-based Black Isle Bronze, AJE created the stainless steel frame to support two new bronze entrance features seen here in the images.

Leading on the project was fabrication manager Craig Johnston.

He said: "This was a great project to work on and was certainly different to some of the day-to-day projects we take on here at AJE. The work was carried out in the Stainless-steel workshop fabricating the three structures per entranceway from Stainless pipe and after fabrication we also had to cut, roll and press the free issue bronze sheeting which cladded the structures to ensure a neat fit up prior to installation. Graham Robertson worked closely with an employee from Black Isle Bronze to ensure that this was done to a high standard. Although it was the Black

Isle Bronze team that carried out the installation in Perth. We worked closely with their team here to make sure that the installation went well and it has. The installation looks stunning."

Funded by £10m UK government investment from the £700m Tay Cities Deal and by Perth & Kinross Council, the museum is a transformation of Perth's former city hall by architects Mecanoo.

The museum will tell the story of Perth's place in ancient and modern Scotland, and will also feature a cafe, shop, learning and event spaces, and a major exhibition programme throughout the year.

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LONGMAN SUBSTATION PLANNED



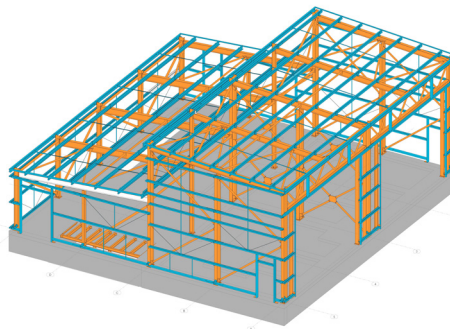
The fabrication, erection and cladding of a new substation building in Inverness is in the pipeline.

AJE has been contracted by Aviemore-based McGowan Environmental Engineering Ltd to carry out the works on the new building which will be located at Longman Drive in the Highland capital near to the Caledonian Stadium. Leading on the project is Allan Martin.

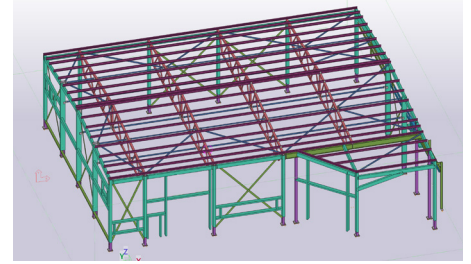
It is expected that the erection of the building will begin in early summer.

Allan said: "Everything will go through the cut and drill line at Waterford and we

hope that we will be on site in late May/ June. It's a 33/11kV substation building and will incorporate a switch room and a transformer room."



STEEL + TIMBER



AJE which as you know, specialises in steel cladding is working to help another company who work in timber!

Newtonmore-based Russwood who are a leading supplier of timber cladding, decking and flooring, are working with AJE on its new process hall.

The building will be tied into an existing building within their site which incorporates office premises, a sawmill, planing mill, and in-house factory coating facility, as well as a flooring showroom and cladding and decking display areas.

Allan Martin, project manager said: "This is an interesting project due to the fact both companies specialise in different materials. They are very conscious about being sympathetic and aesthetically pleasing to what is already in place and we have worked with them to ensure the end product looks fantastic."

Allan added: "It's going to be a hybrid building which will be utilising glulam timber columns and beams, with steel rafter trusses and bracing. The building will be clad by us, with the two types of material really complimenting each other."

APPRENTICESHIP WEEK NOT NEW FOR AJE

March 4-8 marks Scottish Apprenticeship Week which is a nationwide celebration of apprenticeships.

AJ Engineering has been holding apprenticeships in high esteem since the company was founded and it's no stranger to taking on apprentices.

Allan James, is himself a time served apprentice, starting out with William Reid Engineering Ltd. By the end of his

time with Wm Reid's Alan was a projects director.

In 2017, the engineering and construction company became one of the first in the north to take on an engineering graduate apprentice when the scheme was first launched.

And in 2021, we told the story of former apprentice Lee Evans who worked up through the ranks to become the foreman of the then new site at Waterford.

Last month, we celebrated the achievements of Jack Lowes, who has completed a graduate apprenticeship degree in Design and Manufacturing with Robert Gordon University, finishing with a first-class honours and top of his class.

This year, Scottish Apprenticeship Week campaign aims to shows that apprenticeships give people high quality opportunities.



Current and past apprentices at AJE



Lee Evans



Jack Lowes