



Sir Reg Empey Launches FMB Insurance for New Build Homes in Northern Ireland

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Sir Reg Empey, Minister for Employment and Learning, has officially launched the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) 10 year insurance policy for new build homes and self builds. The policies, named 'New Home 10' and 'Self Build 10', are in addition to the two, six and 10 year insurance policies for renovation works that FMB MasterBond already offers to members and their clients through Zurich Insurance.

In these difficult times for builders, the FMB hopes that this new product will help stimulate work in the construction sector by giving consumers greater confidence in the building work of FMB MasterBond members, all of whom are vetted and have their work inspected on a regular basis.

Sir Reg Empey said:

"I congratulate the FMB for introducing this innovative insurance warranty for new build houses. Such a measure will help stimulate residential construction during the recession, while at the same time providing welcome reassurance for new build home owners."

Maire Devlin, Director FMB Northern Ireland said:

"This is an exciting year for the FMB Northern Ireland; not only are we trail blazing with the launch of the new FMB MasterBond 10 Year insurance but we are also celebrating the 21st anniversary of FMB in



Northern Ireland. It is a great commendation on the part of FMB MasterBond members that one of the world's largest insurers, Zurich, wants to insure their work."

David Hill, Director FMB MasterBond said:

"We know that it is not just homeowners renovating or extending their current home that want the peace of mind that our MasterBond Insurance policies give which is why we have launched New Home 10 and Self Build 10. Building your own home can be nerve-racking enough without having to worry about the quality of materials and workmanship. This insurance policy takes away a lot of the stress so self-builder and property developers alike can enjoy the adventure of building a new home."

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Note to editors

Attached Photo Caption:

Martin Horsler, Head of Building Guarantee at Zurich, Sir Reg Empey, Minister for Employment and Learning and David Hill, Director of FMB Masterbond.

The Federation of Master Builders

The Federation of Master Builders (FMB) is the largest trade association in the UK building industry, representing around 12,000 building companies. Established in 1941 to protect the interests of small and medium-sized building firms, the FMB is independent and non-profit-making, lobbying continuously for members' interests at both national and local levels.

The FMB is a source of knowledge, professional advice and support for its members, providing a range of modern and relevant business building services to save them time and money. The FMB also offers advice to consumers via its find a builder and check a builder websites.

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