



When complete, the building will have "one of the best views in Docklands", screams the letting brochure.

that there is little chance of dirt entering in the intervening period," says Brown.

Although Fee's project director confesses to "having to dance on the table at times" to get the designers to meet their deadlines, he judges that they have performed well. All of them – architect DJ Curtis & Associates, structural engineer Birkett Stevens Colman Partnership, and mechanical and electrical engineer Frederic J Whyte & Partners – have worked together on previous contracts.

"This has definitely helped," observes Brown.

He is, at the moment, evaluating the mechanical and electrical services bids, which are roughly valued at £1.5m,

which include an energy management system and a variable air volume, air-conditioning installation.

But perhaps Fee's priority is to build a floating restaurant and pub adjacent to the new

development. Even though the pressure is on to complete the Builder Group's headquarters on time, Brown confides, "Don't worry, the pub will be built before you move into your offices." ●

NATIONAL DAILIES FLANK NEW SITE

The site of the new Builder Group headquarters is located in Mars Road, one of the main Enterprise Zone roads of the Isle of Dogs.

Flanked by the new *Guardian* printing presses and *Daily Telegraph* editorial offices, the new offices adjoin the South Quay station of the Docklands Light Railway.

The £9.5m development, by Standard Commercial Property Securities comprises a nine-storey high-rise block and a lower five-storey block to be occupied by the Builder

Group.

The group's headquarters will consist of 29 000 ft² of self-contained, air-conditioned offices in the low-rise section overlooking the Millwall Docks.

The move will involve the relocation of 170 editorial and administrative staff now based in the company's Pemberton Row offices.

The Builder Group publishes a number of construction titles, including *Building*, *Chartered Surveyor Weekly* and *Chartered Quantity Surveyor*.

Builder House, Isle of Dogs

developer
Standard Commercial Property Securities
design-and-construct builder
J & J Fee

architect
DJ Curtis & Associates
structural engineer

Birkett Stevens Colman Partnership
mechanical and electrical consultant

Frederic J Whyte & Partners
client's quantity surveyor
Leslie A Keats & Partners

contract period
78 weeks from March 1987
contract sum
£9.5m

principal subcontractors
Downmac Concrete, (precast floors and stairs); Pearce & Cutler Aluminium Systems, (curtain walling); Rehene, (groundworks); Stent Foundations, (piling); Westcol Construction (Yorkshire) Ltd, (structural steelwork).