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STATEMENT FROM BOUYGUES BATIMENT ILE-DE-FRANCE

Following the break-ins and occupation of the First Tower construction site by workers without papers or with false papers on 2 and 23 November, Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France would like to clarify the following points.

Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France is aware that illegal workers can take advantage of the company, using false papers or papers that do not belong to them in order to get a job.

To forestall this risk, Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France:

- applies very strict control procedures,
- works with prefectures to ensure that the papers of all the foreign workers it hires are in order,
- has concluded framework agreements with temporary employment agencies containing specific clauses designed to ensure that the manpower provided is legal,
- provides all site workers (employees, subcontractors and temporary workers) with a badge giving them access to the site. The badge does not in any way constitute proof that a worker belongs to Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France.

Although it is aware that illegal workers may be present on its construction sites, Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France does not have the technical or human resources to detect false papers. That is the responsibility of the State and its services.

Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France also wishes to emphasise that it has nothing whatsoever to gain, especially in financial terms, from employing illegal workers. The company scrupulously complies with working hours requirements and wage levels in the industry and pays all its taxes and social security contributions. Hiring illegal workers, even unwittingly, would leave the company liable to severe penalties. For information, several inspections are carried out on Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France construction sites every week by the police, the social security authorities and the labour inspectorate.

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