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Luas Line B1-Cherrywood Extension

Works on the new Green Line Luas extension from Sandyford to Cherrywood move into a new phase this week with the start-up of the main track-laying contract. Works will start in the existing Sandyford depot where new tracks are being installed to accommodate the expanded Green Line fleet. This fleet will be increased from the existing 14 trams to 26 and the new trams will be ready to go into service before the new extension goes into operation.

Construction will continue on a number of fronts during 2008 as bridge and utility diversion works are completed.

These main works are being undertaken by an Irish/Portuguese joint venture company SBS, comprising the leading Portuguese companies Somague and Sacyr, with the prominent Irish company Bowen Construction from Cork. The JV is supported by their main sub-contractors Neopul and Efacec, responsible for track and systems installation respectively.

These works involve the construction, testing and commissioning of 7.5km of new tram route including track, stops, power and communication systems. The line will be integrated into the existing Green Line at Sandyford where additional platform facilities will be provided. The works are anticipated to take two years with the extended line going into service in 2010.

Line B1 Basic Statistics

<u>Line:</u>	Sandyford to Cherrywood
<u>Route Length:</u>	7.5km + 5 additional sidings at Sandyford Depot
<u>Track types:</u>	Ballast 2km, Concrete plinth 2km, Embedded 3.5km
<u>Stops:</u>	11 new stops at Central Park, Glencairn, Gallops, Leopardstown Valley, Ballyogan Wood, Racecourse (part time), Carrickmines, Brennanstown, Laughanstown, Cherrywood and Brides Glen. Sandyford Stop to receive an additional platform
<u>Power systems:</u>	750v DC overhead fed from 4 new traction substations

Road Crossings (signalised): 10

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