



PRESS RELEASE

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**HOUSE BUILDING INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTES
TO TSUNAMI DISASTER APPEAL**

Homes for Scotland, the organisation representing the country's house building industry, today donated £10,000 to help aid efforts in Asia. It also announced that it was working with its member companies to make a further and more substantial contribution.

Executive Director Bruce Black said:

“With such appalling loss of life and the destruction of whole communities in the countries concerned, it is only right that our industry plays a part in meeting urgent emergency shelter needs. But there is also the issue of longer term reconstruction.

Many of our member companies already have their own arrangements in place to assist with the disaster relief effort but we are inviting those that do not to work with us to reflect the industry's concern at the nature and scale of this tragedy. We have already received a number of significant pledges and hope to be in a position to give further details by the end of the month.”

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Notes to editors:

- Homes for Scotland has donated £10,000 to Scotland's Mercy Corps (www.mercycorps.org.uk).
- Homes for Scotland (www.homesforscotland.com) is the representative membership body for the home building and residential development industry in Scotland. Its member companies provide over 90% all new homes in Scotland.