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Arena Group celebrates after Commonwealth Games success

As the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games came to a glittering end on Sunday night, Arena Group were celebrating after ensuring sporting fans had perfect views of the action throughout the 11 day event.

The last multi-sport event to be held in the UK for a generation, Arena Group was official Temporary Overlay and Structure Provider and Exclusive Temporary Seating Provider, supplying over 22,000 seats and 230 structures across 16+ venues.

The installations included the company's patented clearview™ seating system which has become the seating system of choice for major events, used at the London 2012 Olympics and the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. The latest in temporary structures technology was deployed across Glasgow 2014 venues to create pristine environments for media, officials, athletes and merchandise.

Dave Withey, sales and marketing director Arena UK & Europe, comments: "We are incredibly proud to have been involved in the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. A huge congratulations to the Organising Committee who captured the nation's love of sport and showcased the skill and knowledge that the UK has when it comes to designing, delivering and hosting world class sporting events."

With equipment across almost every Glasgow 2014 venue, here are a few highlights of Arena Group's involvement:

Cycling: At the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome Arena Group demonstrated the power of its patented clearview™ seating system to provide optimum audience sightlines after designing and installing over 1,500 temporary tiered seats. The Velodrome was a challenging venue due to the 250m banked timber cycle track which slopes at an angle of 45 degrees. The final design featured 12 individual grandstands circling the track and located above the permanent seats. Each grandstand featured walkways underneath, maximising the use of floor space and meeting health and safety criteria and fire regulations.

Swimming: Fans cheered on the action from 1,774 tiered clearview™ seats configured at the end of the pool, and on the balcony level. The seats on the balcony level were custom designed with every element manufactured specifically. They will remain in situ permanently, leaving a legacy by ensuring Tollcross International Swimming Centre has a competition-standard capacity after the games have finished.

Lawn bowls, The stunning Kelvingrove Lawn Bowls Centre became home to 2,451 clearview™ seats carefully configured into three grandstands, giving perfect views of the precise skills needed for the sport.

Triathlon: Fans watched the moment when England's Jodie Stimpson took home the first gold of the games from 1,632 clearview™ seats carefully positioned at the finish line and showcasing the stunning vista of Strathclyde Country Park. Results officials looked on from two Arena Group

structures positioned on the balcony of the watersports centre to give the best possible views and allow accurate, real time reporting.

Hockey: The Glasgow National Hockey Centre's capacity was increased by 4,295 tiered seats configured across three grandstands. Forming a stadium environment for the competition, it included in-built structures for officials.

Shooting: The Barry Buddon Shooting Centre in Carnoustie was completely transformed by Arena Group from a military training camp to include three temporary shotgun ranges featuring adapted structures with an increased height, with temporary grandstands underneath.

Arena Group also supplied seats and structures at the Scotstoun Sports Centre for the table tennis and squash, the SECC for the netball, judo, wrestling and boxing, Glasgow Green for the marathon and Cathkin Braes for the mountain biking.

The team will begin removing the temporary structures and seating equipment this week, before heading straight to the Ryder Cup in Gleneagles where Arena Group is responsible for over 15,000 temporary seats and temporary hospitality structures on the 18th and 12th holes.

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