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NEW SEWAGE PLANT FOR GIBRALTAR

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce that, in line with its manifesto, a contract has been placed for a new sewage treatment plant. This is in addition to the Government's current major investments in other parts of the sewage system.

Government has appointed a Joint Venture between Northumbrian Services Limited and Modern Water Services Limited ("MWSL") as the preferred bidder for Gibraltar's new wastewater treatment plant. The project will be spearheaded by the Technical Services Department and the Department of the Environment. MWSL will be the lead contractor in respect of the design and build of the Project with a current contract value of approximately £22 million.

The contract will include the design, build, finance and operation of a wastewater treatment plant capable of treating urban wastewater for the entire population of Gibraltar as well as storm flows. Discussions between the parties over the detailed terms of the Project will be commencing shortly.

Due to Gibraltar's high population density and limited land availability, the plant is envisaged to be located at the site known as the Brewery Crusher in Europa Point and the design will have a small footprint and low power requirements. Further details will be made available as part of the planning and assessment process although the project scope already requires the plant to be completely enclosed and landscaped to visually enhance the local environment. Stringent odour control requirements will also be implemented to comply with rigorous emission standards.

The plant will be designed to allow for future capacity upgrades over the life of the contract to meet population and effluent flow increases for 20 years. This will ensure that Gibraltar is compliant with the EU's Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive.