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CECA: UK's Success Rests On Streamlining Capital Project Delivery

Civils contractors today welcomed the UK Labour Party's announcement that should it form the next Government it plans to merge the National Infrastructure Commission and the Infrastructure and Projects Authority into a new body to streamline the delivery of capital projects.

The Labour Party has said that a combined body - to be entitled 'National Infrastructure & Service Transformation Authority' (NISTA) - will be given new powers and an updated mandate to drive more effective delivery infrastructure across the country. It will be overseen by a board that includes external experts and be jointly accountable to the Treasury and the Cabinet Office.

Commenting, chief executive of the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Alasdair Reisner said: "This announcement may well have flown under the radar yesterday due to the Prime Minister naming the date of the General Election. But for industry it really matters.

"CECA has campaigned for many years to ensure that infrastructure delivery is no longer subject to party-political considerations, which often lead to short-termism and drift on projects that are essential to our economic wellbeing as a country.

"We contributed to the capital projects review that generated this recommendation, and therefore welcome its proposal to put infrastructure policy at the heart of Government thinking. We hope that all parties will make similar commitments during the General Election campaign."

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Notes to Editors

1. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.

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