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United Group secures \$270 million in power and water projects

Leading engineering and services company United Group Limited (ASX: UGL) today announced that it has secured a number of projects in the power and water sectors, with the combined value of \$270 million. Some of the projects include:

- Design, supply, installation and commissioning of two 500/330kV substations at Bayswater and Mount Piper, NSW for TransGrid. These are the first 500kV substations to be built in New South Wales for over 20 years;
- Design and construction of two substations and one switching station for Powerlink Queensland at various locations throughout the state. United Group has already completed seven projects for Powerlink;
- Engineering, procurement and construction of 68km of 330kV double circuit transmission line for Western Power in the south of Perth;
- GE has appointed United Group Infrastructure as a subcontractor to design, supply, install and commission the 'Balance of Plant' and to install the gas turbine at the Weddell Power Station, Northern Territory, for Power and Water Corporation (PWC);
- United Group Infrastructure forms part of the Gibson Island Alliance, which has commenced early works on the construction of the Gibson Island Advanced Water Treatment Plant (AWTP), as part of the Western Corridor Recycled Water Project (WCRWP). The WCRWP is an initiative of the Queensland Government for construction of an underground pipeline and three new AWTPs. Alliance partners for this project include Baulderstone Hornibrook, MWH and Worley Parsons.

United Group's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Richard Leupen said, "The new projects are a sign that infrastructure spending on essential services continues to gather momentum throughout Australia.

"These new projects are particularly pleasing as they demonstrate that our continued focus on essential infrastructure markets is the right approach. Government spending on infrastructure is continuing and United Group is well placed to secure more projects of a similar size and scope.

"Water is an issue high on the national agenda and we are rapidly forging a leading position in this market and the pipeline of opportunities across Australia and in Asia is very promising. Recycling, water treatment and storm water harvesting are all areas where we are actively involved.

"A highlight for United Group is the fact that we have secured power and water projects in three major states – Queensland, New South Wales and Western Australia, and in the Northern Territory. Blue chip customers throughout Australia now recognise United Group as a leading services company in these sectors."

Mr Leupen said the project with GE in the Northern Territory is a highlight. "United Group has been strengthening its partnership with GE in areas outside of the rail sector. This project in the power sector is a sign that our partnership is expanding and it is a significant development for the Group.

"We are actively bidding on a number of projects in the power and water sectors with GE both in Australia and in some Asian markets. GE's technology leadership and global footprint gives United Group the scope to establish itself as one of the region's leading service providers."

Mr. Leupen also noted United Group's inclusion into the S&P/ASX100 index, announced on March 6. "It is pleasing to note that the Group is now a top 100 Australian company, a great achievement for our 11,500-strong team that have been instrumental in United Group's success."

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United Group (ASX - UGL) is a diversified services company specialising in maintenance, facilities management, manufacturing, fabrication, engineering, construction and business process outsourcing. The group consists of four businesses each with specific complementary services:

United Group Infrastructure is a multi-service business offering construction, engineering, operational and maintenance services to the water, power, communications, road & rail transport and defence industries

United Group Rail is Australia's foremost rail and rolling stock company offering services such as; engineering and manufacturing, refurbishment and remanufacture, maintenance services and spare parts

United Group Resources is a long term solution provider of multi-discipline services to clients in the resources industry

United Group Services is a premier global provider of outsourcing services. Services include corporate real estate, facilities management, project management, finance and accounting, procurement, human resource management and learning