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United Group announces \$145m of infrastructure and rail projects

Sydney: Diversified services company United Group Limited today announced it had won new contracts worth a combined \$145 million.

UGL Infrastructure will project manage the installation of two General Electric LMS100 gas-fired peaking units at Contact Energy's Stratford power station in New Zealand.

This will be the first installation of this new high efficiency turbine model in the Asia-Pacific region.

In a separate move, UGL Rail has signed the following contracts with Perth-based Australian Railroad Group, a subsidiary of QR (Queensland Rail):

- supply of eight AC 4300 HP locomotives between April and August 2009, with an option for a further 16 AC 4300 HP locomotives
- supply of 152 WOE ore wagons between September 2008 and April 2009.

Manufacture of the locomotives will take place at UGL Rail's technology and product development facility at Broadmeadow in Newcastle. The company will manufacture the wagons at its Bassendean engineering site in Perth.

United Group Managing Director and CEO Richard Leupen said the contracts demonstrated the strength of demand in the company's core engineering markets.

"Spending on infrastructure and resources projects remains very robust," Mr Leupen said. "United Group continues to de-risk its revenue base by pursuing alliances with high quality customers and world-class technology partners."

Mr Leupen said all four of United Group's divisions – UGL Infrastructure, UGL Rail, UGL Resources and UGL Services – were enjoying strong demand in Australia and overseas, supporting the company's \$6.7 billion order book and project renewals.

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