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### **United Group Limited secures Transpower construction contract**

Engineering and property services company United Group Limited (ASX:UGL) is pleased to confirm details of an alliance contract agreement with New Zealand utility Transpower to construct a proposed transmission line from Whakamaru to Auckland.

UGL Infrastructure will carry out the contract in joint venture with Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions, an operating company of international engineering, construction, services and investment group Balfour Beatty. The contract is conditional on the final decision of a Board of Inquiry process that has taken place.

UGL Infrastructure and Balfour Beatty Utility Solutions anticipate revenue of \$NZ230 million (\$204 million) from the project, shared equally. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in 2009 and finish in November 2011.

The project involves the design, supply and construction of a 400-kilovolt capable overhead line approximately 186 kilometres long as part of Transpower's proposed North Island Grid Upgrade Project.

UGL Managing Director & CEO Richard Leupen said the company was pleased to build on strong pre-existing relationships with both Balfour Beatty and Transpower as it expanded its power business in Australia and overseas.

"This continues the ongoing trend for UGL to work with high-quality clients and partners on essential infrastructure projects," Mr Leupen said. "UGL's order book was a record \$8 billion at September 30 and we expect it to keep growing."

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