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United Group secures \$65m-plus DFAT property services project

Sydney: Leading services company United Group Limited (ASX: UGL) today announced it had secured and expanded its property services contract with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). United Group's business process outsourcing and property services business, UGL Services, secured the extension.

The contract, which commences on July 1, is worth more than \$65 million in revenue over four years and includes an option to extend for a further four years. The contract will include chanceries and residences DFAT owns or leases in about 90 overseas locations

The owned estate has a value in excess of \$1.5 billion and includes Australia House London, the Harry Seidler-designed Paris embassy compound and other landmarks such as the Australian embassy compounds in Beijing and Tokyo and the newly constructed embassy in New Delhi.

UGL Services will handle property management, compliance management, minor capital works, procurement, facilities management and financial management and administration. More than 170 UGL Services staff worldwide will work on the project.

United Group Managing Director and CEO Richard Leupen said the contract renewal demonstrated the stability of the group's customer base, and its ability to retain and grow its projects.

"We're delighted with DFAT's decision to renew and expand this prestigious project," Mr Leupen said. "It demonstrates the success of the contract since it was first awarded in 2001 and our ability to deliver the best outsourced property services model to governments and blue-chip customers.

"From United Group's perspective, it's yet another example of our ability to retain and expand projects that deliver long-term, stable and predictable revenue streams on terms that are acceptable for both the group and its customers.

"While we continue to expand our available work, as witnessed by the 50 per cent increase in our order book to \$6.7 billion, we are also benefiting from the expansion of existing projects as the trend to outsource non core services continues.

"United Group has a very healthy pipeline of opportunities in the infrastructure, resources and property services markets in Australia and key international markets, which support our continued growth objectives."

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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:

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

UGL Rail is the largest end-to-end rail technology solutions provider and integrator in the Asia Pacific region and Australia's largest supplier of outsourced asset management and rolling stock maintenance services.

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

UGL 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. This business includes UGL Premas in Asia and UGL Equis and UGL Unico in North America.

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