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United Group Limited part of successful Melbourne train franchise

Melbourne: Engineering and property services company United Group Limited (ASX: UGL) is pleased to confirm the Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) consortium has been selected as preferred tenderer to operate and maintain Melbourne's passenger train franchise.

UGL is a 20% shareholder in MTM. The other shareholders are MTR Corporation and John Holland. The consortium will operate and maintain the Melbourne passenger train franchise for an initial period of eight years.

"Our selection as preferred tenderer strengthens our position as one of the Asia Pacific region's leading providers of end-to-end passenger rail solutions," UGL Managing Director & CEO Richard Leupen said.

"In 2009, UGL has also extended our MainTrain passenger car maintenance contract and our Oscar passenger car supply contracts with RailCorp in NSW, and secured the local content portion of the supply of Alstom trains in Melbourne."

Attached is a copy of a today's release from the Office of the Premier of Victoria in relation to the selection of the MTM franchise as the preferred tenderer to operate and maintain Melbourne's passenger train franchise.

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United Group Limited (ASX: UGL) is an engineering and property services company working in design and construction, maintenance and facilities management. It consists of four businesses – UGL Infrastructure, UGL Rail, UGL Resources and UGL Services – operating in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, North America and the Middle East.

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“They will bring innovation and new ideas as Melbourne’s rail network grows and expands through the investments the Brumby Labor Government is making through the \$38 billion Victorian Transport Plan.

“MTM will help the Brumby Labor Government fulfil our goal of running more services, for more people, more often.

“I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment of Connex and its parent company Veolia Environment over the past 10 years which has seen a massive growth in patronage.”

Final discussions will take place leading to the signing of the new operating contract in August.

The Government is confident Connex will meet its current obligations in the existing contract before MTM takes control of the network in December this year.

Ms Kosky said the exhaustive and competitive international tender process began in 2007 and has been overseen by an independent probity auditor.

MTM is a joint venture between Hong Kong’s MTR Corporation Ltd, Australian companies John Holland Melbourne Rail Franchise Pty Ltd (John Holland) and United Group Rail Services Ltd (UGL).