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SEC South Coast Street Lighting PFI Contract

Scottish and Southern Energy plc ("SSE"), through its wholly-owned subsidiary Tay Valley Lighting ("TVL"), has been appointed preferred bidder for the £225m, 25-year South Coast Street Lighting PFI (Private Finance Initiative).

Under the contract Southern Electric Contracting (SEC) will replace and maintain 250,000 streetlights, illuminated signs and bollards.

The South Coast Street Lighting PFI is the largest street lighting PFI project in the UK and includes lighting services for Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council and West Sussex County Council.

The contract is expected to be concluded later this year. It will take the number of local authorities with which SSE and SEC has long-term street lighting replacement and maintenance PFI contracts to 10 and the number of lighting units covered by such contracts to over 500,000.

Phil Yates, Director of Lighting Services, said:

"The appointment as preferred bidder for this contract reinforces Southern Electric Contracting's position as the UK's leading street lighting contractor. SEC has developed a wealth of experience in successfully delivering street lighting PFI's and we will be building on this experience to ensure this project provides quality benefits to the people of Hampshire, West Sussex and Southampton. In replacing and maintaining the street lights covered by these authorities we will be employing some of the latest technologies available to both improve the quality of the lighting and ensure an energy efficient solution across the region."

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