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CECA: New PM's Cabinet Must Hit The Ground Running On Infrastructure

Civils contractors today said that members of Prime Minister Boris Johnson's newly-formed cabinet must hit the ground running on infrastructure to secure economic growth.

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA), which represents companies who deliver, maintain, and upgrade the UK's vital infrastructure, has highlighted the following priorities for the new Government:

- Devolution of borrowing and revenue raising powers
- Remaining Sub-National Transport Bodies (STBs) to receive statutory footing
- STBs to move towards raising their own private finance
- Commitment to public funding support for infrastructure of 1.2 per cent of GDP while examining the case for higher social and economic outcomes if raised
- A five year settlement for local roads funding
- Implementation of the Regulated Asset Based model to support a balanced energy mix
- Commitment to existing national infrastructure pipeline
- Roll out of the Project 13 model to boost certainty and productivity in project delivery.

Commenting, CECA Director of External Affairs Marie-Claude Hemming said: "The new Prime Minister's Cabinet has clearly been composed to deliver on Brexit, but if the Government is to be a long-term success it is vital that it seizes the opportunity to drive forward an ambitious infrastructure agenda to secure economic growth.

"Part of this must be a clear commitment to the existing national infrastructure pipeline of projects. However we would like to see the new Government go further in devolving transport policy, delivering certainty of investment, and undertaking a bold and transformative approach to infrastructure policy.

"The first 100 days of a new administration is a clear opportunity to set the agenda for the new Prime Minister's time in office. With key new appointments across Government, this is an opportunity that must be seized to deliver the world-class infrastructure that will act as the backbone of the UK economy in the years to come."

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Notes to Editors

1. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.

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