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CECA: New Nuclear Key To Securing Clean Home-Grown Energy

Civils contractors today welcomed Prime Minister Boris Johnson's backing of a new nuclear power station at Sizewell C in Suffolk and said that investing in the sector will be key to securing clean home-grown energy for the UK.

In his speech earlier today, the Prime Minister confirmed UK Government investment of £700 million in the new Sizewell C plant and set out his ambition that the UK build eight new nuclear reactors, approving one a year until the end of the decade.

Commenting, Director of Operations for the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Marie-Claude Hemming said: "Today's announcement is a welcome first step in what we hope will be a sustained programme of investment in new nuclear across the UK.

"CECA has long argued that new nuclear power must be part of the mixed portfolio of energy generation the UK requires, both to ensure our energy security as a country, and to address the challenge of achieving a net zero carbon economy.

"Once it comes online Sizewell C will power the equivalent of six million homes and will have the potential to generate electricity for 60 years.

"We hope that this represents the beginning of a programme of investment that will deliver new nuclear power and hence home-grown clean energy to the whole of the UK.

"Our industry has a wealth of talent in the nuclear sector in many parts of the country, and we look forward to working with the Government and other stakeholders to ensure that new nuclear projects, once approved, are delivered on time and on budget."

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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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