



# Press Release

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## Contractors Back Creation Of New Energy Department

Civils contractors today lent their backing to the creation of a new UK Government Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) said that the decision of Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to split the Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) into three will allow a new emphasis on securing the low-carbon mixed portfolio of energy generation the UK needs.

Commenting, CECA Director of Operations Marie-Claude Hemming said: “The Prime Minister’s creation of a dedicated department for energy will, if accompanied by sufficient levels of investment, drive the UK’s mission to deliver a clean energy future.

“This reorganisation in no way reflects on the work of BEIS, which has led a truly world-leading response to the generational challenge of COVID-19 in recent years.

“Instead, it offers the opportunity to turbo-charge the UK’s dash for green growth in light of the changing face of the energy sector, not least due to recent spikes in energy costs caused by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

“We look forward to working with the new Department and our members to deliver the infrastructure to power the UK’s secure energy future, creating jobs, driving economic growth, and rising to the Net Zero challenge.”

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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.