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CECA Wales: Wylfa SMR Decision A Major Opportunity For Construction Supply Chain

Civils contractors today welcomed the [UK Government's announcement](#) that Wylfa on Anglesey will host the UK's first small modular reactor (SMR) nuclear power plant, describing it as a major opportunity for the the civil engineering supply chain in North Wales and across the UK.

CECA said the commitment to new nuclear at Wylfa has the potential to create thousands of skilled jobs, unlock billions of pounds of investment, and provide long-term certainty for contractors.

Commenting, Director of the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Wales Ed Evans said: "Today's announcement is hugely significant for North Wales and for the UK's wider net zero ambitions.

New nuclear at Wylfa will require major investment in enabling works, transport links, grid connections and local infrastructure - all areas where our members have the expertise to deliver safely, efficiently and to the highest environmental standards.

"To maximise the benefits, government and clients must now work closely with industry to set out a clear pipeline, including realistic timescales, risk allocation and procurement routes that allow SMEs as well as major contractors to compete and invest in people, plant and innovation.

"New SMR nuclear at Wylfa will create jobs and drive economic growth, as well as providing a major component of the UK's future clean energy supply and energy security.

"We look forward to working with government, Great British Energy - Nuclear, and CECA members, to ensure a focus on apprenticeships and local training pathways, and to make sure this opportunity delivers long-term, well-paid careers for young people and new entrants to our industry.

"With the right approach, this project can become a flagship for how strategic infrastructure supports economic growth in Wales, and delivers lasting economic, social, and environmental value for communities across North Wales and the wider UK."

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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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