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## NEWS RELEASE

### MORRISON UTILITY SERVICES DOES THE DOUBLE AT 2009 SBWWI AWARDS

- SBWWI Innovation prize awarded for second consecutive year

Morrison Utility Services has scooped two awards at the annual SBWWI (Society for British Water and Wastewater Industries) Awards held on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Claiming the prize for **Innovation** for the second year in a row, Morrison Utility Services' Through Bore Hydrant convinced a panel of 'water dragons', modelled on the BBC enterprise show Dragon's Den, that it had clear and distinct benefits to the industry and could make or save money for water companies. The panel of Water Dragons included: Martin Kane, Severn Trent Water; Simon Barnes, Yorkshire Water; Mike Shepherd, Thames Water and Steve Kaye, Anglian Water.

Meanwhile, Morrison Utility Services project manager, Mike West, received the SBWWI's **People** Award for his significant contribution to Jane's Appeal, the charity set up by the late Jane Tomlinson CBE, which he has supported for many years. Mike played a key role in the organisation of the York 10km run held in August this year. His enthusiasm secured major sponsorship of the event from Morrison Utility Services and encouraged the involvement of his colleagues resulting in a joint Yorkshire Water and Morrison Utility Services team entering the event.

Charles Morrison, Chief Executive, Morrison Utility Services says:  
"To be honoured with two prestigious water industry awards is a fantastic achievement which we are extremely proud of. We take pride in our ability to work with our clients to find smarter ways of working to reduce or eliminate disruption to customers. Our track record at the SBWWI Awards shows our appetite for continually evolving and improving the ways in which we work to enhance customer satisfaction.

Charles continues: "I am also delighted that Mike West's personal commitment to raising money for Jane's Appeal has been recognized. His energy knows no bounds, he is an extremely worthy winner and we are proud to have him in our team."

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#### **Notes to Editors**

Morrison Utility Services is a leading service provider within the electricity, gas, telecommunications and water sectors. Our service offerings are centred on the

provision, replacement, repair and maintenance of utility infrastructure, which our clients own and utilise to deliver water, power, energy and communications to their customers.

We are committed to working closely with our clients to deliver cost effective solutions, which do not compromise safety, quality and service delivery.

### **What is a Through Bore Hydrant?**

The Through Bore Hydrant unit provides unobstructed vertical access through a fire hydrant into a water main.

This enables a number of activities to be carried out in the water main whilst water pressure is maintained along with the supply to customers. These activities include:

- Isolating a section of water main in order to undertake maintenance
- Live monitoring of water flow, pressure and water quality
- Internal inspection using a camera, hydrophone or acoustic imaging to check whether the pipe is structurally sound and in good condition
- Maintenance including flushing and cleaning
- Internal repairs using rubber platelets or structural bandages (currently being developed)

Using this method of accessing a water main means that essential work can be carried out either to prevent leaks or undertake repairs without having to excavate large sections of road or footpath. This prevents major disruption to road users and pedestrians and cuts down on waste and energy used.

### **Photography**

Photography of the Morrison Utility Services award winners' presentations is available on request.