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MORRISON UTILITY SERVICES TRIUMPHS AT WATER INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2009

Morrison Utility Services has claimed the award for **Most Innovative Use of an Existing Technology** at the Water Industry Achievement Awards on 20th May 2009.

Morrison Utility Services received the accolade for its Hydrant Wizard innovation. Developed in collaboration with Yorkshire Water and supply chain partners it enables the replacement of fire hydrants without interrupting mains water supply to Yorkshire Water customers. Hydrant Wizard uses 'bagging off' technology and techniques from the oil and gas industry and has helped to reduce customer supply interruptions within the Yorkshire Water area from over 700,000 in 2004/2005 to an anticipated 150,000 in 2008/2009.

Tony Hanks, Innovation Manager, Morrison Utility Services, comments:

"I am very pleased that Hydrant Wizard's potential has been recognised by the industry. It is the product of a true collaboration between Yorkshire Water, our supply partners and ourselves. When we introduced the technique into the field for testing, the operational team also suggested further modifications and practical feedback so I would like to pay tribute to them for their role in delivering this successful innovation."

Tim Sargent, Business Development Director, Morrison Utility Services, adds:

"This award demonstrates our commitment to continuous innovation in support of our clients' focus on customer satisfaction. Certainly Yorkshire Water's progressive approach to achieving zero impact on customers and the environment has been our guiding principle which has resulted in a real desire to create the best solution for the job."

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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.

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