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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **MORRISON UTILITY SERVICES' RECORD ORDER BOOK TOPS £1.35 BILLION**

Morrison Utility Services, the leading service provider in the UK and Ireland utilities sector, is today (3<sup>rd</sup> June) reporting a healthy order book and £500 million annual turnover following the publication of accounts at the end of the 2008/09 financial year. One year on from the sale of the business by Anglian Water to private equity partners Cognetas and Englefield, the confirmed order book value has reached an all time high of £1.35 billion, £2.5 billion if contract extensions are included.

Its continued success as a service provider has seen Morrison Utility Services win a number of recent contracts from its key clients. In April, National Grid Gas awarded Morrison Utility Services a contract worth £70 million per annum for up to ten years to support operational delivery work on its gas distribution networks in the East of the country. Also in April, Southern Water awarded Morrison Utility Services a six-year mechanical and electrical (M&E) contract for its Eastern region worth in excess of £25 million per annum with a potential extension for a further five years.

Charles Morrison, chief executive, Morrison Utility Services says:

“Despite the difficult economic climate in the UK construction sector, we have stayed in good shape demonstrated by our record order book. This clearly provides us with a great platform to continue to invest further in our people, systems and capital plant to support delivery of our long term contracts.”

He continues: “Our reputation for excellence in service delivery is what our brand stands for and our clients recognise this. Critical to our success is remaining focused on working safely, delivering customer satisfaction and providing sustainable skills for our people. This will help us maintain our position as the leading utility service partner in the UK and I am quietly confident about our future.”

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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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