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NJUG / Enzen Press Statement on Street Works Workshop:

Tuesday 8th September 2009, Stamford Bridge (9.30am – 3.30pm)

The Utility Street Works sector is committed to improving standards and implementing the NJUG *Vision for Street Works*. To further help make this Vision a reality on Tuesday 8th September 2009, industry representatives attended an NJUG Street Works Workshop, sponsored by Enzen Global, and held at Stamford Bridge in London.

This forum was intended to enhance, strengthen and demonstrate the commitment to promote practical solutions to improve delivery of the overall Work Management Process and understand the detail of what works well to deliver safe, efficient and sustainable high quality street works. It also focused on how the sector could deliver the improvements called for recently by the Government.

Attended by over sixty Utility and Contractor delegates, representing over forty organisations, the event was opened by Patricia Hayes, Director of Road and Vehicle Safety and Standards at the Department for Transport.

Throughout the course of the day, an end-to-end walk through of the **work process from initiation to completion** was undertaken, to identify common issues where the process breaks down that result in a failure to comply with legislation or optimise occupation. Key reasons for non-compliance or poor occupation were identified; and ways to control & manage key activities to deliver a compliant, high quality, safe & collaborative street works model were short-listed. The outcomes of the sessions are currently being collated and will be released shortly to demonstrate the efforts of the Industry to implement and further improve the standard of their works.

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Notes to Editors

The National Joint Utility Group (NJUG)

For further information about the National Joint Utilities Group please go to www.njug.org.uk. To arrange an interview please contact the NJUG press office at pressoffice@njug.org.uk or telephone 020 7340 8737.

NJUG is the only UK industry association representing utilities and their contractors on street works issues. The organisation's focus is on promoting best practice, safety, quality and co-ordination of works as well as representing utilities in discussions with Government and other stakeholders on street work issues. NJUG is also the utility arm of the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee representing street works in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales known as HAUC (UK). Please see http://www.hauc-uk.org.uk/ for further information.

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Our full members include the Energy Networks Association (representing electricity and gas companies), Water UK (representing water companies), National Grid, Openreach, and Virgin Media. Our Associate Members are Clancy Docwra, Skanska McNicholas, Balfour Beatty, Morrison, Morgan Est, NACAP, PJ Keary, First Intervention, Carillion, Enterprise, Laing O'Rourke and AMEC. Including members through trade associations, NJUG represents thirty-seven utility companies.

Enzen Global

Enzen Global Limited is a specialist organisation in the area of **Street Works & Traffic Management** working closely in a neutral manner with **Utilities & Highway Authorities** to help support a practical, pragmatic & effective implementation of various aspects of the Traffic Management Act (TMA).

Our Clients include Gas, Electricity, Water & Multi Utility Companies across UK. Our Highway Authority Clients include 15+ (County, Metropolitan Borough & City) Councils across UK. We work in close association with DfT, NJUG, Joint Authority Group (JAG), EtoN Developer Groups, etc in promoting a collaborative ethos & tangible performance improvement and sustenance across all stakeholders to better comply with street works regulation & practically realise the objectives of Traffic Management Act 2004.

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