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## PRESS RELEASE

### PROJECT OMEGA CONTRACTOR WINS TIDY BUSINESS AWARD

The company responsible for the construction element of Project Omega, Laing O'Rourke, has been rewarded for its environmental practices with a TIDY Business award.

Delivered by joint venture company Glen Water, which is made up of Laing O'Rourke and Thames Water, the £122m Private Partnership (PPP) project includes the construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) in Donaghadee and new pumping stations at Briggs Rock, Groomsport and Donaghadee.

The Bronze TIDY Business Award is presented to companies that take action towards bettering their waste management practices and improving their local environment. Laing O'Rourke's efforts throughout the construction of the North Down/Ards Waste Water Treatment scheme has already been acknowledged by the TIDY Northern Ireland assessors.

The award assesses areas such as general cleanliness, environmental awareness, waste management, community involvement and sustainable development, and seeks to ensure that the TIDY Business principals permeate throughout all levels of the organisation. The Laing O'Rourke site scored highly enough to receive recognition in its inaugural assessment.

"I would like to congratulate Laing O'Rourke on achieving a bronze award," said TIDY Northern Ireland Chief Executive Ian Cole. "The site is still in the early stages of development but it is already obvious that there is a conscious effort to ensure they conduct

their operation in a way that is sensitive to their environment. Their waste management and staff awareness programmes are particularly impressive, and I have every confidence that, as the site becomes more established, they will be able to build on this award and progress towards Silver and Gold TIDY Business Awards in the coming years.”

“We are delighted to have achieved the Bronze TIDY Business Award, ” said Peter Dew Project Leader, Laing O’Rourke. “At every stage of this project we have pro-actively taken all measures possible to ensure that the building work has had minimal impact on the environment and that our construction techniques are as ecologically friendly as they can be.”

Glen Water’s General Manager Jim Conlon said: “It’s great to see Laing O’Rourke’s environmental efforts recognised in this way and I’ve no doubt they will easily progress to Silver and Gold Tidy Business Awards in the future.”

Extensively landscaped, the facility will be partially enclosed within a ‘green roof’ to ensure that it is in complete sympathy with the surrounding landform and that the impact on the local environment is minimised.

#### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

TIDY Business is a service aimed at councils, town centre managers and private companies to make areas more environmentally aware and aesthetically pleasing to residents, visitors, workers, businesses and investors alike.

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