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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR DATA CENTRE

SSE Data Centres, a trading division within Scottish and Southern Energy plc ("SSE"), has been awarded a new long-term contract to provide Kingfisher plc ("Kingfisher") with its own dedicated data centre pod to support IT infrastructure to be migrated from a number of existing data centres.

SSE acquired its Fareham-based data centre business in May 2009. It provides over 2,000 racks of co-location and data storage within the 80,000 square feet of capacity and 15MW (megawatts) of power in a resilient and energy efficient environment, which includes one of the UK's largest rooftop solar photovoltaic installations. The data centre uses a modular design which allows customers to select the level of service that they require.

The contract was awarded following an exhaustive procurement process in which Kingfisher, the leading home improvement and DIY retail group, compared self-build and a number of third party provider options. SSE's data centre was selected because it provided a complete, bespoke solution to Kingfisher's needs in an energy efficient environment.

Adrian Pike, SSE's Managing Director of Contracting and Telecoms, said:
"SSE is the first utility company in the UK to offer co-location data centres, and I am very pleased to have secured this contract just three months after acquiring the facility at Fareham. Kingfisher has a strong commitment to reducing carbon emissions, and the environmental credentials of our data centre supports that ambition. I believe our ability to offer this plus a bespoke service to customers has helped us to win this contract and should help us to win other contracts in the future."

Mike Bell, Kingfisher's IT Director, said:
"We are pleased to have found a local Data centre facility that can support our current and future hosting requirements in both a cost and environmentally efficient manor. I look forward to developing the relationship with SSE over the medium to long term to deliver on-going and increased benefits to Kingfisher."

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