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## Siemens extends contracts on Isle of Wight

**Demonstrating an unrivalled capacity to maintain over half of all traffic control equipment installed on the UK road network, Siemens has been awarded an additional traffic signals maintenance contract for the Isle of Wight – extending a relationship with the local authority which has already lasted for over 7 years. The contract covers the maintenance of all traffic signals on the Island and the installation of associated equipment including a remote fault monitoring system to all controllers (junctions and pedestrian).**

Awarding the contract, Iain Thornton, Traffic Engineer for the Isle of Wight Council said that Siemens was chosen as the continuing maintenance contractor on the basis of an effective combination of quality, cost and service factors. 'These include the overall price, proven competence, capability, suitability of methods employed to carry out the service to acceptable standards including the introduction of remote monitoring to all sites', he said. Commenting on the excellent working relationship with the local team, Iain added: 'We have also been impressed with the company's enthusiasm and commitment to working in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council'.

Commencing June 2006, for a period of three years, with an option to extend for a further two years by mutual agreement, the new contract includes a package of measures to carry out this installation to suit the Council's requirements, all of which will help towards improving efficiency and operation of signals on the Island. The installation will be rolled out in the first six months of the contract, allowing faults to be reported much quicker than the current reliance of the public of highway inspectors to report problems.

From east to west, the Island measures 25 miles, and 13 from north to south. The total area of 146 sq. miles has 532 miles of roads, 514 miles of footpaths and bridleways, and 57 miles of coastline which is a distinct advantage for an Island depending greatly on the tourist industry. The major towns are Newport (population 25,000), Ryde (population 26,100), Cowes (population 19,900), Sandown and Shanklin (population 13,300), and Ventnor (population 5980).

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Mobility is very important to the Island's present economy and future prosperity. During the summer season the Island's population can double at any one time, with over 3 million visitors in total - both long-stay and day-trippers. Consequently, the Island's strategic planning both reflects and recognises the major role that transport and travel plays in the economic well-being of the Island.

The Council has recently completed its second Local Transport Plan covering 2006-2011. The Plan sets out the long-term transport vision and five year strategy for transport on the Island. It seeks to build on the good performance demonstrated in the first LTP (LTP1) and explains how the Council will address transport priorities by delivering environmentally sound schemes and improvements, taking account of national, regional and local plans and policies. Improving road safety and health is a key aim of this Plan and is consistent with the Council's overarching objectives.

### **About Siemens Traffic Controls**

As part of the Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services (I&S) group, Siemens Traffic Controls designs, manufactures, installs and maintains a wide range of traffic engineering products and systems to enhance road safety and improve traffic flow in congested urban and inter-urban areas. In the United Kingdom, the company installs and maintains more traffic infrastructure than any other company and has 700 employees including 350 skilled service engineers dedicated every day of the year to maintaining over half of all traffic control equipment installed on the UK road network. The Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services Group (I&S) is an integrator of systems and solutions for industrial and infrastructure facilities, and global service provider for the plant and projects business covering planning, installation, operation and the entire life cycle.

### **About Siemens in the UK**

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