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World Cup call-up for UK's leading player

Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality in South Africa is upgrading its Urban Traffic Control (UTC) technology in the city with the installation of PC SCOOT from Siemens. The investment forms part of a major re-development programme which includes the construction of the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium to provide a world-class venue for the 2010 Football World Cup competition, and major expansion of the city's Coega port complex.

According to the company's Ray Wood, the Municipality (formerly Port Elizabeth) has long been a UTC customer and the latest upgrade is another significant step forward for both Siemens and the city. 'In addition to upgrading to SCOOT MC3, the city will take delivery of the company's first international order for PC SCOOT', he said. This follows a successful trial of PC SCOOT on 3 junctions using a wireless communications network, and is expected to lead to the new system being transferred to all 170 existing intersections across the city and include regions previously outside of urban traffic control.

In the UK, PC SCOOT has also recently been ordered by Bath & North East Somerset Council and the City of Liverpool, upgrading UTC in both areas to the new platform, combining the latest version of SCOOT with the enhanced functionality of the company's advanced user interface,

PC SCOOT now offers users numerous benefits, including ease of use, simple installation and migration, and reduced equipment and maintenance costs, all operating on a PC. The advanced features reduce maintenance requirements and provide more opportunities for implementing a range of traffic control solutions.

PC SCOOT includes all the major features of the Siemens UTC/SCOOT system, monitoring traffic in real-time, it optimises traffic signal operation and adjusts the signal timings to match prevailing conditions, thus increasing network efficiency.

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A major sea port and holiday destination, Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality is located along South Africa's east coast, 800km from Cape Town. The government has allocated R242 million for the construction of 5 new stadiums, while 5 existing stadiums will be upgraded. The new Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium will be a high-tech, modern venue and will incorporate a multi-purpose facility specifically designed to serve the community.

The South African Football Association has determined that all new stadiums be built with the aim of becoming profitable and sustainable ventures that will add value to the community. The Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium will be located 2km from the coast, close to the N2 highway and no more than fifteen minutes' drive from the city's main hotel sector.

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.

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