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THE MAJOR PROJECTS AGREEMENT

MPA FORUM ENDORSES TERMINAL 5 AGREEMENT

The Major Projects Agreement Forum met on 27th April and endorsed an agreement reached on 30th March by Amicus and the employers at the Heathrow Terminal 5 Programme. The agreement was subsequently accepted by employees in a consultative ballot held on 18th and 19th April.

The agreement covers the remaining period of the construction programme until 2008 and therefore represents a full and final settlement. The settlement is based on a review of the Major Project Performance Payment, with increases phased over three years, and the application of a Supplementary Project Performance Payment within the Supplementary Project Agreement for the Terminal 5 Programme.

The previous claim for compensation for travelling to and from the Terminal 5 site has been withdrawn by Amicus.

Sir Michael Latham, Chairman of the MPA Forum, stated after the meeting: "I am very pleased that the parties have achieved an agreement which will provide a platform for the benefits of the MPA to be maximised on this vital project over the next three years. Whilst the resolution of the issues encompassed by this agreement has not been easy, the outcome reflects the commitment of Amicus and the employers to the objectives of the MPA and to the success of the Terminal 5 Programme on behalf of BAA."

Note to editors

1. The Major Projects Agreement has been agreed by Amicus, The Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA), The Heating and Ventilating Contractors' Association (HVCA), The Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (APHC) and SELECT (The Electrical Contractors' Association of Scotland).
2. Sir Michael Latham is the Independent Chairman of the Major Projects Agreement Forum.
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