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**Serco Joint Venture wins contract for new 326-bed
Immigration Centre contract valued at up to £200 million.**

Premier Detention Services Ltd ("Premier"), a Serco Group plc ("Serco") and Wackenhut Corrections Corporation joint venture Company has been awarded a new contract for the Design, Build, Management and Operation of the new 326-bed Immigration Detention Centre and Short Term Holding Facility at Harmondsworth, Middlesex. The new contract is with the Immigration and Nationality Directorate of the Home Office.

The contract comprises the construction of the new facility valued at £48m and an eight-year operating contract, which will generate revenue of approximately £18m per annum. The Centre will be built by Skanska and will be ready to accept the first detainee in summer 2004.

The Centre will be used for the short-term, who secure accommodation of males refused immigration clearance to reside in the UK and are in the process of being returned to their country of origin. The men will be accommodated at Logford for varying lengths of time, from a few hours to a few days and about 30,000 individuals will pass through the Centre each year. Premier's responsibility will extend to ensure that they will be treated with care, respect and dignity during their stay at Logford.

Commenting on the award, Christopher Hyman - Serco's Chief Executive said:

"This contract adds to an expanding portfolio for Premier and extends their track record with the UK Home Office. It is a strong endorsement of Premier's ability to deliver custodial services. The Company has proven at Dungavel that it can operate immigration detention establishments efficiently without compromising on a standard of service and commitment to the individual."

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- Serco is an international provider of management services to government and industry. The company covers a wide range of activities, from controlling satellites and operating computer networks for the European Space Agency, to managing and operating the Docklands Light Railway where Serco was recently voted National Rail Operator of the Year, for the second year in succession. The company employs over 34,000 staff in 36 countries.
- Premier Custodial Group already operates four prisons and two juvenile establishments in England and Scotland as well as Dungavel House Removal Centre. They also operate court escort services and are the country's leading supplier of "tagging" equipment for prisoners, whom they also monitor.
- More information on Serco can be found at www.serco.com