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### **May Gurney awarded top environmental accolade for South West Water project**

May Gurney has received one of the highest accolades for environmental best practise – a Green Apple Environmental Award – for its approach to undertaking a water mains project on behalf of South West Water (SWW) at Marazion Marshes in Cornwall.

The Green Apple Awards is an annual international campaign to recognise, reward and promote environmental best practice around the world. At the Green Apple Awards 2006, held at the Tower of London on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, David Bellamy presented May Gurney with the Best Practices Champion in Building & Construction – the highest honour in their submission category.

Tim Read, Managing Director, May Gurney Utility Services, said, “We knew that we had won an award before the ceremony and we were absolutely delighted to discover on the day that we were the overall winner, receiving the Champion award in the Building & Construction Best Practice category.”

In addition, the Tree Appeal planted a broad-leaf tree for every Green Apple Award winner as part of the ongoing campaign for a better global environment for all. Nearly 200 trees in all will be planted and six trees will also be planted for each of the six famous Tower of London ravens, in appreciation of the hospitality provided for this year’s Awards ceremony.

May Gurney’s award winning project - to upgrade 10km of underground water mains in the village of Marazion in Cornwall - was carried out under a £50m SWW investment programme to improve water quality for its customers in the south west of England.

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### Notes to editors

May Gurney is a dynamic integrated support and construction services company providing maintenance and enhancement services to the highways, rail, utilities and general infrastructure markets, primarily with public sector and regulated sector customers, across the UK. The company focuses on long term relationships, has 3,200 employees and delivers solutions through two primary business segments - Maintenance Services and Engineering & Project Services.

The **Maintenance Services** segment is focused on the core markets of highways and utilities. Activities include highways maintenance under long term partnerships with Local Authorities and network improvement and maintenance services provided to major UK utilities networks under long-term framework contracts.

The **Engineering & Project Services** segment serves public and regulated sector clients across a broad range of industries. Core services include the enhancement of road and rail infrastructure, waste management, flood protection, ground remediation, foundations, geotechnical engineering and building.

For further information on May Gurney please go to [www.maygurney.co.uk](http://www.maygurney.co.uk).

Photo caption: From left to right - Mrs An Ahmed, winner of the national Star for a Day competition, Tim Read, Managing Director, May Gurney Utility Services and David Bellamy.

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