SMEC Appointed Independent Certifier on WestConnex New M5 Project

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SMEC, in association with Arcadis and APP Corporation, has been appointed Independent Certifier (IC) of the WestConnex New M5 Project in Sydney, Australia by the Sydney Motorway Corporation. WestConnex is one of Australia’s largest road infrastructure projects to date.

The New M5 Project will run from the upgraded King Georges Road Interchange on the existing M5 East Motorway via a tunnel through to St Peters. The New M5 includes ‘tunnel stubs’ to support future connection to the proposed M4-M5 Link (Stage 3 of WestConnex).

Project works comprise: 9 km of new motorway tunnels accommodating two lanes in each direction (with provision for three lanes in future); widening and realigning a section of the existing M5 East Motorway; a new free-flow interchange at St Peters; two new road bridges across Alexandra Canal; 14 km of new and upgraded pedestrian, cycle and shared paths; water treatment and ventilation facilities; tolling infrastructure; and fire and safety systems.

The IC Team will be responsible for reviewing and verifying a major portion of the design, ensuring the tunnels and extensive associated infrastructure are designed to standard. The IC Team will be also be on site during construction to verify contractor works are in accordance with scope of works.

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