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UK GETS £73.7 MILLION IN LATEST DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FROM EUROPE

The Commission of the European Communities has approved grants from the European Regional Development Fund amounting to £73.7m in respect of 14 large investments in industry and infrastructure throughout the United Kingdom. This is the fifth allocation from the ERDF this year.

Main features of the latest allocation are as follows:

The North West region receives aid amounting to £14.6m for 5 investments in infrastructure. In Manchester £7.9m has been granted towards the construction of a new railway line, "The Windsor Link", to link Manchester Piccadilly Station in the south east of the city to routes into Manchester Victoria from the north west. By connecting the two major routes into Manchester, through rail communications will be opened up from the North West Assisted Areas to the Midlands and the South of England making the former areas more attractive for business, commercial, and industrial development and investment. At Ellesmere Port a grant of £1.6m has been made towards the extension of a container terminal to accommodate the larger ships on the Mediterranean and Iberian run. This investment will safeguard about 200 jobs at the port and a considerable number of jobs in local port-dependent employment.

The West Midlands gets a grant of £5.6m towards a section of the Birmingham Middle Ring Road. The route, which connects to the M6, is important in providing access to numerous industrial firms and sites.

Scotland has been granted £10.3m in respect of 2 infrastructure investments and 1 industrial investment. Of particular interest is the £3.3m grant to the construction of a new Ferry Vessel for use on the route Oban, Mull and Colonsay. The route is considered as essential to maintain and improve the economic and social conditions in the areas served and the new ferry will remove present constraints on tourism and commercial traffic.

The South West receives aid totalling £8.0m for two infrastructure investments. Noteworthy is the £4.5m grant to the construction of an electricity cable link to the Isles of Scilly. This link will enable electricity tariffs on the Isles to be reduced to mainland level and thereby stimulate the island's economy considerably.

In Northern Ireland, the conversion of Kilroot Power Station to dual oil and coal firing has been allocated £23.8m, the largest single grant ever awarded to the Province. This important project will help to reduce Northern Ireland's almost total dependence on imported oil. In addition, the project will have a significant impact on employment both during construction and when in operation.

A single road investment in Wales has received a major grant of more than £10m. This is the construction of the Central Link of Cardiff's Peripheral Distributor Road by South Glamorgan County Council, which will improve access to the major developments taking place in Cardiff Docklands.

EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

5th Allocation 1987

£ million

Region	Industry	Infrastructure	Total	Studies	NCPI*	TOTAL
UNITED KINGDOM	1.09	71.38	72.47	0.00	2.67	7 '4
SOUTH WEST	0.00	7.95	7.95	0.00	0.00	7.95
WEST MIDLANDS	0.00	5.66	5.66	0.00	0.00	5.66
NORTH WEST	0.00	14.66	14.66	0.00	0.00	14.66
WALES	0.00	10.03	10.03	0.00	0.00	10.03
SCOTLAND	1.09	9.25	10.34	0.00	0.00	10.34
NORTHERN IRELAND	0.00	23.83	23.83	0.00	0.00	23.83
MULTI-REGIONAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.67	2.67

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Region	Industry	Infrastructure	Total	Studies	NCPI*	TOTAL
UNITED KINGDOM	3.70	110.06	113.76	0.59	2.67	117.02
NORTH	0.00	0.75	0.75	0.13	0.00	0.88
YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSID	1.03	0.00	1.03	0.01	0.00	1.04
SOUTH WEST	0.32	8.49	8.81	0.07	0.00	8.88
WEST MIDLANDS	0.29	21.72	22.01	0.07	0.00	22.08
NORTH WEST	0.24	15.82	16.06	0.11	0.00	16.17
WALES	0.00	20.18	20.18	0.07	0.00	20.25
SCOTLAND	1.09	17.72	18.81	0.13	0.00	18.94
NORTHERN IRELAND	0.73	25.38	26.11	0.00	0.00	26.11
MULTI-REGIONAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.67	2.67

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Region	Industry	Infrastructure	Total	Studies	NCPI*	TOTAL
UNITED KINGDOM	540.40	1858.51	2398.91	5.92	106.18	2511.01
NORTH	83.80	263.60	347.40	0.49	6.69	354.59
YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSID	18.79	180.32	199.11	0.42	0.00	199.53
EAST MIDLANDS	6.83	30.50	37.33	0.55	0.00	37.88
SOUTH WEST	6.23	104.39	110.62	0.24	0.00	110.87
WEST MIDLANDS	2.63	131.94	134.57	0.10	0.00	134.67
NORTH WEST	50.97	233.65	284.62	0.46	61.47	346.55
WALES	72.86	300.90	373.76	0.85	9.83	384.44
SCOTLAND	147.01	417.97	564.98	0.95	24.65	590.59
NORTHERN IRELAND	91.29	180.98	272.27	0.80	0.87	273.93
MULTI-REGIONAL	60.00	14.25	74.25	1.06	2.67	77.98

* NCPI = National Programme of Community interest

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Community contribution to the financing of investment projects

REGION: SOUTH WEST		ERDF Contribution
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Local. Penwith County CORNWALL ERDF No. B60904150/001	New construction: A30 Penzance primary distributor Investor: Cornwall County Council	3,467,500.00 £
Local. Isle of Scilly County CORNWALL ERDF No. B70904038/001	New construction: New construction Mainland Cable Link to the Isle of Scilly Investor: South Western EB	4,482,500.00 £
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE		7,950,000.00 £
TOTAL SOUTH WEST		7,950,000.00 £
REGION: WEST MIDLANDS		ERDF Contribution
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Local. Birmingham County WEST MIDLANDS COUNTY ERDF No. B60903020/001	New construction: Middle Ring Road Coventry Road Junction Investor: Birmingham City Council	5,661,500.00 £
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE		5,661,500.00 £
TOTAL WEST MIDLANDS		5,661,500.00 £
REGION: NORTH WEST		ERDF Contribution
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Local. Wirral County MERSEYSIDE ERDF No. B50904052/001	New construction: Ellesmere port container terminal Investor: Manchester ship canal CO	1,600,000.00 £
Local. Manchester County GREATER MANCHESTER ERDF No. B60904139/001	New construction: Manchester Airport Cargo Centre Phase 2 Investor: Manchester Airport PLC	421,500.00 £
Local. Bolton County GREATER MANCHESTER ERDF No. B60904141/001	New construction: Bolton Interchange Station Investor: British Railways Board	2,050,000.00 £
Local. Greater Manchester County GREATER MANCHESTER ERDF No. B70903004/001	New construction: New Cross-City Railway Line ("Windsor Link") and New Station Investor: British Railways Board	7,990,000.00 £
Local. Manchester County GREATER MANCHESTER ERDF No. B70904019/001	New construction: New Construction Manchester/Salford Inner Relief Road Investor: Manchester Met City	2,603,000.00 £
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE		14,664,500.00 £
TOTAL NORTH WEST		14,664,500.00 £

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REGION: SCOTLAND		ERDF Contribution
INDUSTRY		
Local. Glemrothes Region FIFE ERDF No. 860902018/001	Modernisation: Manufacture of Carbonless Paper Investor: Scottish Office	1,092,500.00 £
TOTAL INDUSTRY	Jobs maintained 302	1,092,500.00 £
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Local. Kilmarnock and Loudoun Distri Region STRATHCLYDE ERDF No. 870903006/001	New construction: Phase 3 of the realignment and duelling of the A71 between the A78 Irvine Bypass and the A77 Kilmarnock Bypass Investor: Strathclyde Regional Council	5,945,000.00 £
Local. Argyll and Bute Region STRATHCLYDE ERDF No. 870904034/001	New construction: New construction Ferry Vessel Oban, Mull and Colonsay Investor: Caledonian MacBrayne Ltd	3,300,000.00 £
Local. Glasgow Region STRATHCLYDE ERDF No. 870911001/001	New construction: Art. 15 - Operational measures for the Strathclyde B.I.C. Investor: Strathclyde B.I.C.	1,269,895.00 £
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE		10,514,895.00 £
TOTAL SCOTLAND	Jobs maintained 302	11,607,395.00 £

REGION: NORTHERN IRELAND		ERDF Contributi
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Local. Carrickfergus County ANTRIM ERDF No. 860903014/001	Modernisation: Kilroot Power Station to Dual Coal/Oil Firing Investor: Northern Ireland Electricity Service	23,827,400.00 £
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE		23,827,400.00 £
TOTAL NORTHERN IRELAND		23,827,400.00 £
TOTAL UNITED KINGDOM	Jobs maintained 302	73,740,795.00 £

REGION: WALES		ERDF Contribution
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Local. South Glamorgan County SOUTH GLAMORGAN ERDF No. 870903001/001	New construction: New construction Construction of new distributor road Cardiff FIR Central Link Investor: South Glamorgan County Council	10,030,000.00 £
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE		10,030,000.00 £
TOTAL WALES		10,030,000.00 £