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National Grid Selects Dalcour Maclaren for Cross Border Electricity Connection

Bicester, UK, 3rd December 2025– Leading utilities and infrastructure consultancy, Dalcour Maclaren, has been appointed by National Grid to support the Cross Border Connection project in England, a nationally significant new 400 kV electricity link between Scotland and north-west England. The scheme will help meet rising energy demand by enabling renewable power to reach homes and businesses where it's needed and strengthening the UK's energy security and resilience. It is expected to be operational by 2033.

Ash Blewer, Associate Director at Dalcour Maclaren, said: "This project is essential for the UK's future energy needs, and we're pleased to be helping National Grid keep the programme moving at pace. It's a privilege to contribute to such an important national scheme."

Dalcour Maclaren is providing land and property services through a team of 22 specialists. The team will work closely with National Grid on public consultations, community engagement and direct contact with around 2,000 landowners in England, alongside detailed land referencing and on-the-ground surveying to support each stage of development.

The scheme is being developed jointly by National Grid and SP Energy Networks. National Grid is leading the project from the Carlisle area to the England–Scotland border, while SP Energy Networks is responsible for the section in Scotland.

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About Dalcour Maclaren

Dalcour Maclaren is a leading specialist in the utilities and infrastructure sector, helping drive a cleaner, greener future across the UK and Ireland. Our teams in land, environment, stakeholder engagement and geospatial services unlock the consents needed for major energy, water, transport and digital schemes. By focusing exclusively on this sector, we bring scale, technical depth and a unique understanding of the challenges our clients face. We put people at the heart of our business, fostering long-term, rewarding careers and prioritising wellbeing. Based in Bicester, Dalcour Maclaren has 19 offices across the UK and Ireland, including in Birmingham, Exeter, London, Manchester, Stirling and Belfast. www.dalcourmaclaren.com

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