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£79M TO UNITED KINGDOM UNDER REGIONAL FUND

(First allocation of grants, 1982)

The European Commission has announced grants of £79 206 344 for 128 projects in the United Kingdom under the European Regional Development Fund. This allocation brings Regional Fund grants in Britain to £860m since the Fund began operations in 1975. A list of the newly financed projects is attached.

This allocation includes a £28.5 million grant to British Nuclear Fuels Ltd Magnox project at Windscale. This will enable ageing plant (some of which is nearly 20 years old) to be replaced by systems designed particularly to satisfy the more stringent environmental conditions and high safety standards compatible with present day requirements. Such replacement assures the approval of the Health and Safety Executive as regards the safety of the plants and thus the continuing functioning of the Electricity Board's Magnox station with the 2800 associated jobs. An additional 1200 new jobs will be created by this investment.

In Scotland, aid (£2.7m) has been granted for the construction of an electricity cable between the island of Orkney, where generation transmission and distribution of electricity present severe practical and cost problems, and the mainland. This will replace the existing diesel-powered station in Kirkwall (Orkney) and at the same time assist first-time supply of electricity to some of the most remote communities in the country.

About two-thirds of ERDF grants are towards infrastructure projects. This finance is passed on in full to the local and other public authorities concerned, thus reducing the amount they have to borrow to finance the investment in question. As far as industrial projects are concerned, the Community grants now announced represent a Fund contribution of up to half the cost of the assistance given to individual projects by the UK Government. The grants are not paid to the companies concerned in addition to assistance they receive from Government.

	Industry, Tourism		Infrastructure		Totals in £m	
	1st tranche 1982	Total 1975-82	1st tranche 1982	Total 1975-82	1st tranche 1982	Totals 1975-82
North England	28.50	75.46	11.02	118.14	39.52	193.60
N.W. England	-	67.13	4.67	52.07	4.67	119.20
Yorkshire & Humberside	-	5.41	1.85	42.14	1.85	47.62
East Midlands	-	1.42	0.82	7.12	0.82	8.54
S.W. England	-	3.10	1.46	17.86	1.46	20.95
Scotland	1.41	52.91	9.78	149.54	11.19	213.38(1)
Wales	-	39.95	15.07	98.00	15.07	137.98
North.Ireland	0.25	49.18	4.38	67.19	4.63	118.19(2)
West Midlands	-	-	-	0.35	-	0.35
	30.16	294.56	49.06	552.42	79.21	859.83

(1) Includes £10.92m for mountain region infrastructure 1975-82

(2) Includes £ 1.81m for mountain region infrastructure 1975-82

NORTH OF ENGLANDYORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDETOTAL AID (all projects) £ 39 519 500A. Industrial projects- Cumbria, Sellafield - B.N.F.L.
(Nuclear fuel reprocessing) £ 28 500 000B. Infrastructure projects- Northumberland, Tynedale - Northumbrian Water Authority
(Kielder Reservoir - construction of dam and connecting aqueducts) £ 3 275 000- Durham/Tyne and Wear, Durham/Newcastle - Central Electricity
Generating Board £ 1 515 600
(Upgrading of existing 275/KV Electricity Line to 400/KV)- Tyne and Wear, Tyneside - Northumbrian Water Authority
(Tyneside Sewerage Scheme Part II - Howdon Treatment Works) £ 1 564 500- Tyne and Wear, Gateshead - Tyne and Wear County Council
(Phase VI of Tyne and Wear Metro - Newcastle to South Shields) £ 2 742 600- Cleveland, Stockton-on-Tees - Northumbrian Water Authority
(Portrack Sewage Treatment Works) £ 597 900Aid is given under global applications to the following projects :- Cleveland, Langburgh
(Reconstruction of road to industrial areas in Teesport)- Cleveland, Hartlepool
(preparation of industrial site at Graytherp)- Newcastle upon Tyne
(Reconstruction of Skinnerburn Road)- Gateshead
(Improvement of roads in Dunston Industrial Area)- Blyth
(Construction of warehousing at Wimbourne)- Carlisle
(Reinforcement of 33 KV electricity supply at Silloth)- Whitehaven
(Improvement of Hensingham electricity sub-station)Total aid in respect of 7 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 1 323 900TOTAL AID (all projects) £ 1 851 600Infrastructure projects- South Yorkshire, Rotherham - British Railway Board £ 599 000
(Stage II of the resignalling and modernisation of South Yorkshire railway infrastructure)- South Yorkshire, Rotherham/Doncaster - British Waterways Board £ 862 600
(Improvement and modernisation of the South Yorkshire Navigation)Aid is given under a global application to the following infrastructure project :Humberside- Humber Bridge
(Construction of Industrial Estate services)- Hull
(Improvement of Stoneferry Road)Total aid in respect of 2 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 390 000

NORTH WEST

TOTAL AID (all projects) £ 4 674 200

Infrastructure projects

- Lancashire, Burnley and Pandle - Lancashire County Council £ 123 200
(Construction of the Calder Valley Route - Barracks Interchange
to Brierfield Link Road)

Aid is given under global applications to the following infrastructure projects :

- Wigan

(Improvement of roads in Wallgate Industrial Area)
(Provision of estate roads and services at South Lancashire Industrial
Estate)
(Provision of estate roads and services at Hindley Industrial Estate)
(Provision of new gas pipeline and regulator to West Wigan)

- Merseyside

(New construction at Kirkby Industrial Estate)
(New road junction at Smithdown Road Liverpool)
(Upgrading of roads serving Industrial Improvement Areas in Liverpool)
(New site servicing and road construction at Wirral Docklands
Improvement Area)
(Provision of new electricity sub-stations and cable at Bromborough Industrial
Estates)
(Construction of new container parking and stacking areas at Garston North
Dock Container Terminal)
(Construction of storage and transit shed at Stalbridge)
(Construction of sludge digestion tanks and equipment at Seften)

- Rochdale

(New industrial estate services at Green Lane)
(New industrial estate services at Hanson Street)
(Improvement of industrial road at Green Lane, Heywood)

- Salford

(New industrial estate services at Salford Docks)

- Bury

(Construction of new Sewage Treatment Plant)

Total aid in respect of 17 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 4 551 000

SOUTH WEST

TOTAL AID (all projects) £ 1 458 900

Infrastructure projects

- Cornwall Region - South West Water Authority £ 1 054 800
(construction of reservoir at Celliferd and spine main
to surrounding county)

Aid is given under global applications to the following projects :

- Isles of Scilly

(Construction of new water mains, tanks and boreholes at St. Mary's
Water Works)

- Cornwall

(New industrial estate services at Tregoniggle)
(Improvement of electrical system at Falmouth Docks)

- Devon

(New road construction at Exeter Street/Sutton road, Plymouth)
(Construction of new quay at Salcombe)

Total aid in respect of 5 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 404 100

EAST MIDLANDS

TOTAL AID (all projects) £ 823 500

Infrastructure projects

Aid is given under a global application to the following infrastructure project :

- Corby

(Improvement of A427 road at Middleton Bends)
(New road construction - Stage II of the Weldon Bypass)

Total aid in respect of 2 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 823 500

NORTHERN IRELAND

NORTHERN IRELAND (contd)

TOTAL AID (all projects)

£ 4 630 486

A. Industrial projects

- Bangor, Co. Down - Thermomax Ltd
(Manufacture of evacuated heat pipe solar collectors)
- Droemore, Co. Down - Concrete (NI) Ltd
(Manufacture of Precasts and glass-reinforced concrete)
- Portadown, Co. Armagh - Unidare Engineering Ltd
(Manufacture of PVC pressure piping and electric storage heaters)

Total £ 254 460

B. Infrastructure projects

- Aldergrove, Belfast - Northern Ireland Airport Ltd
(Additional works and modifications - airport development plan - Stage II)

£ 2 108 800

Aid is given under a global applications to the following projects :

- Belfast
(Extension of M2 Motorway to connect with M1)
(Construction of spur road from M2 motorway at Fortwilliam)
- Newry, Co. Armagh
(Improvement of road at Sheepbridge)
- Newcastle, Co. Down
(Improvement of Newcastle Harbour)
- Cushendall, Co. Antrim
(Improvement of Red Bay Harbour)
- Ballynacor, Co. Armagh
(Improvement of sewage disposal works)
- Lisburn, Co. Antrim
(Modernisation and improvement of water treatment facilities at Boomers Reservoir)
- Lagan Valley, Belfast
(Construction of 14 water boreholes)

- Glenarn, Co. Antrim
(Construction of new reservoir at Kane's Hill)
- Backna, Co. Antrim
(Construction of new water tank and pumping station)
- Ravenhill, Belfast
(Modernisation and improvement of sewers and construction of new overflow chamber)
- Artigarvan, Co. Tyrone
(Construction of new sewage disposal works)
- Caw, Co. Londonderry
(Modernisation and improvement of sewerage and drainage facilities)
- Killyhevlin, Co. Fermanagh
(Construction of new water supply lines to Crawfords Hill Reservoir)
- Newtownards, Co. Down
(Construction of new pumping station and pipe at Portaferry Road)
- Bogmeadows, Belfast
(Improvement of effluent pumping station at Glasmachan Street)
- Bohill, Co. Antrim
(Construction of 2 new reservoirs and pumping main)

Total aid in respect of 17 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 2 267 226

SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND (contd)

TOTAL AID (all projects)

£ 11 192 052

A. Industrial projects

- Fife Region, Kirkcaldy - General Instrument Microelectronics Ltd (G.I.)
(manufacture of semi-conductors)
 - Kirkcaldy - Rodime Ltd
(manufacture of computer peripherals)
 - Dunfermline - Fort Ronic Ltd
(electronic banking equipment)
 - Dunfermline - Andrew Antennas
(communications antennas)
- Strathclyde Region, Motherwell - Ferranti Ltd
(navigational systems test equipment)

TOTAL £ 1 407 140

B. Infrastructure projects

- Strathclyde Region - Strathclyde Regional Council
(A742/A78 road improvement scheme) £ 2 043 686
- Orkney Islands - North of Scotland Hydro Electric Board
(Mainland - Orkney electricity cable) £ 2 700 000

Aid is given under global applications to the following projects

Lothian Region

- West Lothian District
(A89 road improvement - roundabout)
- West Lothian District
(Phase II of Alderstone Road)
- West Lothian District
(Construction of a water main between Blackburn and Seafield)
- City of Edinburgh District - Granton
(Construction of a sewer)
- City of Edinburgh District - Portebello
(Construction of a sewer)

Tayside Region

- City of Dundee District
(Extension of access road to inner city industrial area)
- Angus District
(Improvement to road junction on A92)
- Perth and Kinross District
(Improvement of A827 road between Ballinluig and Logierait)
- Perth and Kinross District
(Road improvement at Gallowhill)
- Montrose/Angus District
(Improvement of access road to Montrose harbour)
- Montrose/Angus District
(Site servicing of Forties Road Industrial Estate)
- City of Dundee District
(Construction of new trunk sewer)
(Construction of new water and sewerage services) 2 projects
- Angus District
(Construction and improvement of water mains between Framedrum and Muirheads reservoirs)
(Construction of new water and sewerage services)
- Perth and Kinross District
(Construction of new wet weather centre for tourists)
- Angus District
(Construction of drainage scheme); construction of main access road

Central Region

- Stirling District - Doune
(Construction of new reservoir and water mains)
- Stirling District - Tyndrum
(New drainage system and treatment works)

Highland Region

- Inverness District
(Modernisation and improvement of A96 to dual carriageway standard at Inverness)
- Ross and Cromarty District
(Construction of new bridge on the B817 near Invergordon)
(Improvement of A832 road at Lochluichart)

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- Inver District
(Improvement of A887 road between Dundreggan and Torgoyle)
- Skye and Lochalsh District
(Improvement of A850 road between Achaig and Kyleakin)
- Badenoch and Strathspey District
(Construction of new bridge on A95 near Grantown-on-Spey)
- Caithness District
(Improvement of A895 between Achalone and Clashgal)
- Ross and Cromarty District
(Improvement of junction and double - tracking of A896 road at Lochcarron)
- Lochaber District
(Construction of tourist car park at Glenoe)
(Modernisation and improvement of pier at Mingary)

Fife Region

- Kirkcaldy District
(Construction of new access road to Methil docks)

Western Isles

- Stornoway
(Modernisation and improvement of slipway facilities at Goat Island)

Shetland Islands

- Scalloway
(Phase II of Scalloway harbour construction)
(Improvement of access road to Scalloway harbour)
- South Mainland
(Improvement of A970 road)
- West Mainland
(Improvement of A971 road)
- Sullom Voe
(Site servicing of Sella Ness Industrial Estate)
- Fair Isle
(Construction of wind powered electricity generator)

Fife Region:

- Glenrothes
(Construction of centre for industrial studies)

Highland Region

- Inverness
(Extension of forestry training centre)

Total aid in respect of 41 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 5 041 226

WALESTOTAL AID (all projects)

£ 15 056 106

Infrastructure projects

- Mid-Glamorgan/Gwent - British Gas
(provision of Gas storage and reinforcement in South East Wales) £ 4 498 800
- Gwent - Gwent County Council
(A467 Crumlin - Aberbeeg road scheme) £ 3 633 300
- South Glamorgan - South Glamorgan County Council
(Ely Link peripheral distributor road to southern industrial and dockland areas of Cardiff) £ 1 628 318
- South Glamorgan - South Glamorgan County Council
(Road scheme - East Moors Link, Phase II) £ 1 414 455
- Dyfed - Dyfed County Council
(A4138 Llanelli - Hendy Link road) £ 1 287 445
- Gwent/South Glamorgan - Welsh Water Authority
(Water supply to industrial South East Wales) £ 861 000

Aid is given under global applications to the following projects :

- Clwyd
(Construction of new industrial estate road and sewers at Colemenydd)
(Construction of new industrial estate road and sewers at Bodolwyddan)
(Extension of sewage treatment works at Wrexham)
- Dyfed
(Construction of new industrial estate services at Newcastle Emlyn, Whitland and Withybush)
- Gwent
(Construction of new industrial estate access road and sewers at Ebbw Vale)
- Gwynedd
(Construction of water supply pipelines to the Isle of Anglesey)
- West Glamorgan
(Construction of pumping station and associated works at Baglan Brook, Port Talbot)
- Gwent
(Construction of new road access to Fruit Storage Shed at Newport Docks)
(Construction of new Marine Control building at Newport Docks)
- South Glamorgan
(Improvement of dock roadways at Barry)

Total aid in respect of 10 infrastructure projects (global application) £ 1 737 788