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Launch of the Cambodia – Australia Water Utility Improvement Program

The Australian Embassy last week launched the Cambodia – Australia Water Utility Improvement Program (WUIP). The program will support Cambodian water operators to improve water service delivery across Cambodia.

The WUIP will connect South East Water, a major water utility based in Melbourne, Australia with three Cambodian private water utilities through a two-year knowledge sharing program to improve access to safe and reliable water for thousands of Cambodians. The partnership will provide Cambodian utilities with exposure to the high quality technology and management practices of Australian water utilities.

The WUIP is part of the Australian Government’s “Investing in Infrastructure” (3i) program, which is stimulating the extension of essential piped, treated water infrastructure to one million Cambodians.

“This program will create long-term relationships and knowledge exchange between Cambodian and Australian institutions. This is part of our commitment to supporting Cambodia to develop the quality infrastructure and services it needs to transition to a more resilient, inclusive and prosperous country,” said Ambassador Corcoran.

The WUIP is being facilitated by the Australian Water Association (AWA) with their partner, the Cambodian Water Supply Association (CWA)

“Through our partnership, the Australian and Cambodian water sectors will work together to provide water solutions by sharing innovation and expertise,” said Jonathan McKeown, CEO of the Australian Water Association.

As a representative of water operators in Cambodia, CWA and its members are proud to partner with AWA and South East Water and are excited to work with the Australian water sector to improve water supply service delivery across Cambodia through exchanging of knowledge, new technologies and expertise” Said Mr. Hor Khykeng, Executive Director of the Cambodian Water Supply Association.

The WUIP involves the reciprocal exchange of staff between South East Water and three Cambodian water utilities to support improvements in the management of water assets, customer engagement, water quality improvements and technology innovations.

“South East Water are delighted to be part of the WUIP. We look forward to sharing our knowledge in supporting the Cambodia water utility sector to improve their water services. We thank the Australian Government and the AWA for their support in providing this exciting opportunity,” said Terry Schubach, General Manager – Customer Service Delivery of South East Water.

Building on this work, the AWA and CWA will be arranging an Australian delegation to the Cambodian Water Conference and Exhibition in October, creating further opportunities for collaboration and exchange of knowledge and technology.

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