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Morgan Sindall-led joint venture appointed preferred bidder for £417 million Thames Water scheme

Morgan Sindall's infrastructure services business Morgan Est, working alongside VINCI Construction Grands Projets and Bachy Soletanche as part of joint venture company MVB, has been selected as preferred bidder to deliver the £417 million Lee Tunnel for Thames Water.

The project involves the construction of a seven-metre internal diameter storage transfer tunnel, approximately 6,900 metres long, from Abbey Mills Pumping Station to Beckton Sewage Treatment Works. Work will also include the construction of two, 25-metre internal diameter shafts and one 20-metre shaft (two at Beckton and one at Abbey Mills) and a 38-metre diameter off-line Tideway Pumping Station Shaft.

Work will start in April 2010 and the tunnel will be complete by the end of 2014 in order to comply with the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive set by the European Union.

"This is a very important project for our infrastructure services division," says Paul Smith, chief executive of Morgan Sindall plc. "Being appointed preferred bidder demonstrates the strength and expertise that Morgan Est has in tunnelling, an area where we have a market-leading position.

"It further strengthens our relationship with Thames Water and we look forward to starting work in the project in due course."