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HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TRAVEL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT AWARDED TO HILLGATE TRAVEL

Hillgate Travel has taken over the running of the Houses of Parliament Travel Office following a competitive tender process involving all the major UK travel management companies.

The new three-year contract will see Hillgate running the Travel Office for both the House of Commons and House of Lords, taking over from Carlson Wagonlit Travel. All staff employed in the onsite facility have transferred and been retained on the account by Hillgate under their TUPE obligations.

Hillgate will be responsible for the personal travel requirements of the members of both houses and their associated staffs. As part of their remit the company's proprietary online booking tool (Hillgate FreeWay) will be launched to members before the end of this year. In another initiative and very much in keeping with a responsibility on both sides towards the environment, all invoices are now submitted to members by PDF replacing the previous paper trails. Another proprietary Hillgate tool – Hillgate Approver – is under discussion for use at the house from 2010 onwards. Following the planned General Election next year, Hillgate will work on a communication programme to all new members in conjunction with house officials as part of their induction process.

Jeremy Bull, Hillgate's chairman and CEO, commented:

"We are delighted to be working for such a prestigious new client at such a high profile moment in its long history. Keeping travel costs down and introducing new technology were key drivers of the tender process and we are delighted to be able to deliver both to the house with immediate effects."

On behalf of the Houses of Parliament Contract Manager David Weir commented: "Hillgate joins the two Houses at a challenging time for parliament and the public sector in general, and we look forward to working with them to ensure we continue to get the best value for money when MPs and Lords travel on their parliamentary business."

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About Hillgate Travel

Established in 1983, Hillgate Travel is the UK's largest independent travel management company, catering to the quality demands of the City market and a list of growing associated government contracts. The company's 170 staff are based in High Wycombe, Newport and its London headquarters. In addition to travel management, Hillgate Travel operates, Hillgate Solutions, a wholly owned specialist event management company, passport and visa and airport meet and greet services. In 2009, Hillgate Travel joined GlobalStar Travel Management offering its clients a true multinational travel management solution.

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