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LABOUR'S ELECTION VICTORY: AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE BRITAIN'S RAILWAYS

The Railway Forum congratulates Labour on their General Election victory. We now have an historic opportunity to fundamentally improve our railways with Government and the railway industry working in close partnership.

The Railway Forum notes that the Labour Party manifesto *Britain: forward not back* contains one of the most comprehensive series of pledges to improve railways and transport more generally seen in recent times. These will give an industry that is experiencing exceptional levels of demand and, at the same time, putting right the problems of the past, the confidence to keep up the momentum.

'We warmly congratulate Tony Blair and the Labour Party', says Adrian Lyons, Director General of The Railway Forum. 'We are particularly pleased that the immense amount of positive work that has been done so far by both the Government and our industry can be built upon further. The Labour Party's manifesto pledges on rail are wide ranging and exciting and we look forward to working in partnership with Government to achieve them.'

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies as well as Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, London Underground, most of the infrastructure maintenance companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have some 50 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry.

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