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### **DOWNER AWARDED CHRISTCHURCH SOUTHERN MOTORWAY CONTRACT**

Downer EDI Limited (Downer) today announced that its joint venture with McConnell Dowell had been awarded the contract to deliver the NZ\$195million second stage of the Christchurch Southern Motorway (CSM2).

CSM2 is the final section in the Canterbury Roads of National Significance (RoNS) portfolio to be awarded and will complete a package of projects designed to address increased travel demand and congestion in the south of Christchurch and Canterbury. The upgraded road network will provide better access to and from the south of Christchurch, the city centre and Lyttelton, by improving the capacity, safety and alignment of the Christchurch Southern Corridor.

“As home to New Zealand’s second largest airport and second busiest export port, Christchurch plays a critical role in the economic development of the whole South Island,” says Transport Minister Mr Simon Bridges.

“It is the transport gateway for tourism and business, making access to the city, its freight hubs and export markets critical for the economic success of the whole country.”

CSM2 includes 8km of new 4 lane motorway, 5km of existing SH1 duplication, 5km of local roads and adaptations, 7 bridges over the new highway and 1 local road culverted beneath it.

Construction will begin in October and is expected to be completed by late 2019.

“We are looking forward to continuing the tried and tested partnership that is already in play on the Russley Rd Upgrade project in Christchurch,” said CSM2 Project Manager Marc Papke. “A project of this nature helps to ensure Christchurch remains an integral hub for the South Island into the future.”

The collaboration between the two companies, which will be led by a joint management team, will combine Downer’s strength in road works and McConnell Dowell’s expertise in bridges and structures. Both companies also bring the innovations and experience developed as part of their involvement in SCIRT over the past five years.

**About Downer**

Downer EDI Limited (Downer) is a leading provider of services to customers in markets including: Transport Services; Rail; Mining; Utilities Services; Technology and Communications Services; and Engineering, Construction & Maintenance. We build strong relationships of trust with our customers, truly understanding and predicting their needs and bringing them world leading insights and solutions. Downer employs about 19,000 people across more than 200 sites and projects, mostly in Australia and New Zealand, but also in the Asia-Pacific region, South America and Southern Africa. For more on Downer, visit: [www.downergroup.com](http://www.downergroup.com).

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