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Sprintex Advances in UK Water Utility Procurement – Breakthrough Step into £104B Infrastructure Investment Cycle

Sprintex Limited (ASX: SIX) (“Sprintex” or “the Company”) is pleased to advise that it has successfully progressed through the selection stage of a procurement process with a major UK water utility for specialist blower technologies, advancing to the contractual compliance and invitation to tender stages, where detailed technical and commercial submissions are evaluated.

Highlights

- **Successful progression through selection stage of a major UK water utility procurement process for specialist blower technologies**
- **Marks a major milestone in Company’s trajectory towards approved supplier status in the UK water sector**
- **Provides external validation of Sprintex’s product platform, engineering capability and real-world performance in a highly regulated infrastructure market**
- **Establishes a pathway toward multi-year participation in wastewater upgrade programs**
- **UK water sector entering a £104 billion investment cycle (2025–2030) with strong focus on energy efficiency¹ – Provides a major opportunity for SIX to capitalise in the near term**
- **Wastewater aeration represents ~50–70% of total plant energy consumption, creating a significant opportunity for high-efficiency blower upgrades²**
- **Positions Sprintex toward participation in a high-barrier supplier ecosystem with long-term procurement cycles, underpinning diversified global revenue strategy**

The development follows extensive engagement with key government and industry participants and is in partnership with its exclusive UK distributor, Air End Repair Ltd (“Air End Repair”). Supplier approval processes in the UK water sector are typically undertaken on multi-year cycles and represent a significant barrier to entry for new technologies. This milestone represents a critical step toward achieving approved supplier status, with Sprintex and Air End Repair advancing to the next phase of the procurement process.

Management commentary:

Sprintex Managing Director & CEO Jay Upton said: *“Progressing through this stage of a UK water utility procurement process is a significant milestone for Sprintex. These processes are highly rigorous and represent a meaningful barrier to entry for new technologies.*

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This milestone reflects the progress we have made in developing a comprehensive high-speed turbo blower platform, strengthening our engineering and manufacturing capability, and demonstrating real-world performance.

Together with Air End Repair, this represents an important step in establishing Sprintex within the UK water sector and supports our strategy to participate in large-scale wastewater infrastructure upgrade programs.

The Company, in conjunction with Air End Repair, will continue to progress through the next stages of the procurement process while leveraging this milestone to engage with additional UK water authorities.

This will include the submission of technical documentation and case studies demonstrating the performance and benefits of Sprintex's technology, supporting broader qualification across the UK water sector."

Breakthrough Entry into a High-Barrier Market:

The UK water sector is one of the most tightly regulated wastewater markets globally, with suppliers required to pass rigorous, multi-stage qualification processes assessing:

- Technical performance and engineering capability
- Manufacturing quality systems and testing procedures
- Proven project references and operational reliability
- Local service capability and lifecycle support

Utilities typically procure from a highly concentrated pool of pre-qualified suppliers. Engagements are generally extended over multi-year periods, with long-term relationships established quickly.

Progression through the pivotal selection stage is a significant milestone, positioning Sprintex toward participation within an established supplier ecosystem to support access to future, potentially high-revenue project opportunities. More broadly, the development marks the Company's entry into UK water utility sector, and an important step in establishing a long-term presence in the region.

Validation of Technology and Execution Strategy:

This milestone provides external validation of Sprintex's progress in developing a globally competitive high-speed turbo blower platform, including:

- Expansion of its product range across multiple power classes and configurations
- Advanced oil-free, high-speed compressor technology
- In-house engineering, manufacturing and testing capability
- Successful deployment across municipal and industrial applications

It also demonstrates the effectiveness and continued execution of Sprintex's strategy of partnering with established regional distributors, with Air End Repair providing local service capability and market access within the UK.

Exposure to a £104 billion Infrastructure Investment Cycle:

The UK water industry is entering a significant capital investment cycle under the 2025–2030 regulatory period, with ~£104 billion of total expenditure approved, including ~£44 billion allocated to new infrastructure.



A substantial portion of this investment is directed toward wastewater treatment upgrades, environmental compliance, pollution reduction and energy efficiency improvements across treatment facilities.

These programs are expected to drive a high volume of site-level upgrade projects, creating a substantial and recurring opportunity for high-efficiency process equipment.

Based on publicly available wastewater treatment plant data and typical aeration requirements, the Company estimates that large municipal treatment facilities may represent approximately US\$0.5 million to US\$1.7 million per site in blower supply opportunity, depending on plant size and configuration.

Major UK water companies operate extensive wastewater treatment networks, often comprising hundreds of treatment facilities within a single region, supporting a broad and scalable opportunity for high-efficiency blower upgrades over time.

Wastewater aeration systems, which rely on the movement of air, typically account for approximately 50%–70% of total energy consumption within treatment plants, making them the largest energy load and a primary focus for upgrade programs.

Technology Advantage and Proven Energy Savings:

Sprintex's high-speed, oil-free blower technology is designed to replace conventional systems such as rotary lobe blowers, delivering improved efficiency and reduced lifecycle costs.

As demonstrated at the Kondli wastewater treatment plant in Delhi (India), where Sprintex high-speed blowers were deployed:

- Power consumption reduced from 704 kW to 560 kW
- Delivering a net saving of 144 kW
- Equivalent to approximately 20.5% energy reduction

In addition, Sprintex systems provide oil-free operation, reducing contamination risk, lower maintenance requirements and improved uptime, reduced noise and compact footprint, as well as integrated controls for optimised performance.

These efficiency gains translate directly into operating cost savings and reduced carbon emissions, aligning with the priorities of regulated water utilities.

Positioning for Long-Term Growth:

While progression through this stage does not guarantee contract award, it confirms eligibility and positions Sprintex within a targeted group of suppliers competing for future project opportunities within a large and growing infrastructure investment cycle.

The Company believes this represents an important step in establishing a long-term presence in the UK water sector, with potential to support broader expansion across regulated infrastructure markets.

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About Sprintex:

Sprintex, established in Australia in 2003, is a prominent company specialising in the engineering, research, product development, and manufacturing of ultra high-speed electric motors and clean air compressors. The Company is dedicated to creating energy-efficient solutions for various applications, significantly impacting both industrial and automotive sectors. Sprintex's innovation-driven approach has positioned it as a leader in the development of clean air technologies, continually advancing the standards in these industries.

In the industrial sector, Sprintex's G Series blowers are designed for high-speed air movement in wastewater treatment, aquaculture, paper milling, and pharmaceuticals, ensuring efficient and reliable performance. Additionally, Sprintex develops fuel cell compressors for clean energy applications, particularly in hydrogen and natural gas fuel cells, promoting sustainable energy solutions. In the automotive realm, the Company focuses on enhancing hybrid and petrol vehicles with high-speed electric motor-driven compressors, while its legacy in twin screw superchargers continues to influence modern advancements.

About Air End Repair Ltd:

Air End Repair Ltd is a UK-based specialist provider of compressor and blower services, including maintenance, overhaul, and supply of industrial air systems.

The company has an established presence within the UK industrial and water sectors, providing local technical support, service capability, and market access for advanced compressor technologies.

Forward Looking Statements:

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