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SEMBCORP BOURNEMOUTH WATER WELCOMES WATERSAFE

Sembcorp Bournemouth Water is supporting the newly-launched WaterSafe scheme – the UK's first ever industry-wide plumbing assurance scheme designed to heighten standards within the UK's plumbing sector.

The first plumbing body of its kind, WaterSafe is a dedicated assurance scheme designed to recognise and promote competent plumbers. The aim is to protect homeowners and businesses seeking water supply plumbing work, while contributing to the safety of drinking water supplies. It is supported by all water companies and key plumbing bodies in the UK.

For the consumer, the result is that choosing a plumber has never been easier. WaterSafe brings together the seven approved contractors' schemes in the UK, enabling users to source an approved plumbing business wherever they are, using WaterSafe's online search facility, so that they can be assured that their plumbers are qualified to carry out work in their home.

The official launch was marked today with a prestigious event in Westminster at which key stakeholders within the water and plumbing industries were given a series of presentations on the WaterSafe scheme. These included a speech from Andy Foster, operations and policy director at The Trading Standards Institute.

Roger Harrington, Managing Director of Sembcorp Bournemouth Water said: "As a core supporter of WaterSafe, we welcome this initiative which will safeguard our customers.

"WaterSafe, as an umbrella organisation, will make it easier for our customers to find a qualified plumber when they need one. As well as promoting good plumbing practice and compliance with the Water Fittings Regulations, the scheme will help to drive out rogue plumbers and give approved plumbing businesses the recognition they deserve."

About WaterSafe

Launched on 8th October 2013, WaterSafe is a brand new national plumbing assurance scheme with the aim of providing recognition for competent plumbers and assurance to customers seeking water supply plumbing work.

WaterSafe is supported by all UK water suppliers and owned by the seven existing Approved Contractors' Schemes operating in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland including:

- The Water Industry Approved Plumbers' Scheme (WIAPS)
- Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (APHC)
- Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering (CIPHE)
- Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers' Federation (SNIPEF)
- Anglian Water's A Plus scheme
- Severn Trent Water's WaterMark scheme
- Thames Water's TAPS scheme

For further information please visit www.watersafe.org.uk.

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