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DOCKLANDS LINKED TO THE NATIONAL MOTORWAY NETWORK

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

COLIN MOYNIHAN, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
TO OPEN NEW ROAD IN DOCKLANDS
TUESDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1989 AT 3.00PM

The first major new road in the Docklands Highways network - the Eastern Gateway Access Road - will be opened by Environment Minister, Colin Moynihan, on Tuesday, 3 October 1989.

The predominantly dual carriageway two lane road, about 2 km long, extends from the A13/A406 (South Woodford to Barking Relief Road) junction to a new roundabout around Thames Water's Gallions Pumping Station. This in turn will connect with the new dual carriageway Royal Albert Dock Spine Road which is scheduled for completion in mid 1990. An extension from the roundabout will also serve the former Beckton Gas Works site and the depot for the Beckton Extension of the Docklands Light Railway. A further link to the proposed shopping centre on the Albert Basin will pass over the Eastern Gateway Access Road.

The Eastern Gateway Access Road, and all the new roads under construction in the area by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC), will open up the 720 acres of the Royal Docks as the major development opportunity for London from now into the next century.

The £18m Eastern Gateway Access Road was constructed in two phases by John Laing Construction Ltd and Percy Bilton Plc, commencing June 1986, and at that time represented the largest road scheme started by the LDDC. The road was designed by London Docklands of Newham Technical Services, with Gibberd Landscape Design as landscape architects and Monk Dunstone Associates as quantity surveyors.

LDDC Chairman, David Hardy, commented: "This road is the new gateway to the Royal Docks, linking Docklands to the national motorway network via the South Woodford to Barking Extension of the M11. In addition it will link with the proposed East London River Crossing which will give Docklands a direct route to Kent, the Channel Ports and Europe.

"The Eastern Gateway Access Road is also a prime example of the Corporation's well established working relationship with the London Borough of Newham. One of the pleasing aspects of this road is that it will take heavy vehicles travelling to the Woolwich Ferry and

construction sites in the Royal Docks away from the Cyprus Bypass and residential communities in East Beckon."

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Note to Editors

If you or a representative of your organisation would like to attend the photocall please arrive at the LDDC Royal Docks Office, North side of Royal Victoria dock, Gate 8, Connaught Road, London E16 8BL, at 3pm sharp as a coach will leave at 3.20pm to travel to the northern end of the Eastern Gateway Access Road for the official opening. For safety reasons, parking will not be allowed on site. The coach will return to the Royal Docks Office for light refreshments after the opening.

ROYAL DOCKS ROADS

- 1. WESTERN GATEWAY
- 2. COMCLEAR
- 3. NORTH WOOLWICH ROAD WIDENING
- 4. CONNAUGHT CROSSING
- 5. ROYAL ALBERT DOCK SPINE ROAD
- 6. EASTERN GATEWAY ACCESS ROAD

