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– Claudia Preedy, B2B Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- **Infrastructure construction pipeline is healthy, but concerns remain about the government’s ability to deliver major projects**
- **Independent Infrastructure Commission set up to help ensure the timely delivery of major infrastructure projects**

The civil engineering market comprises both public and private works for water, sewerage, railways, electricity, gas/communication/air, railways, harbours and roads. Each sector is subject to a variety of factors that can affect output, resulting in differing trends.

Prospects for the civil engineering sector remain strong over the next five years, with development significantly exceeding GDP growth. The major projects set to drive output over the next five years include HS2, Hinkley Point C, Thames Tideway Tunnel, major road schemes, Network Rail’s modernisation programme and projects associated with the decarbonisation of the energy system.

However, concerns remain about the government’s ability to deliver major infrastructure projects, such as HS2 and Hinkley Point C, which have already been hit by delays. Brexit adds further uncertainties, and could lead to delays in some infrastructure projects due to issues in accessing funding. Skills shortages are also posing challenges for industry, with this area requiring considerable investment.

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