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Gas supply boost for eastern suburbs – Lilydale Gas Pipeline

Today Multinet Gas (Multinet) announced construction will soon start on the Lilydale Gas Pipeline - a significant project to increase capacity to transport natural gas to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Multinet is Victoria's largest distributor of natural gas and is working with third party providers to install a pipeline of approximately 10km in length along Victoria Road in Lilydale, Chirnside Park, Coldstream and Yering.

"In preparation for winter 2012, and following growing demand in the outer eastern suburbs, we have committed to increasing the volume of natural gas available to customers to ensure they receive continuity of supply when they need it most," said Mr Mike Fajdiga, Chief Operating Officer Multinet Gas.

Initial surveying work for the project commenced in May 2010 and pipeline construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. While locals may experience some inconvenience during the project – such as traffic delays – Multinet views the safety of its people, customers and the general public is of the highest priority, and will ensure experienced traffic controllers are on site to aid the traffic flow.

Multinet encourages interested local residents to attend a community information session at Chirnside Park Shopping Centre from 9am to 4:30pm on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 July 2011. Project representatives will be available to answer questions.

Please note, the pipeline will be constructed in accordance with the Pipelines Act 2005 and Pipelines Regulations 2007. The relevant legislation also calls upon the Environment Effects Act 1978, the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986, and the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Legislation at State and Commonwealth levels.

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