



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Alinta to begin initial works for the Multinet Gas Pipeline**

Multinet Gas started preliminary works on the South Gippsland Natural Gas pipeline, part of a \$50m project to bring the benefits of reticulated natural gas to the region, on Monday 22 January 2007.

Multinet Gas has contracted Alinta Asset Management to manage the project.

“From Monday we began preliminary work on the easements, including limited fencing works and, where appropriate, a heritage archaeologist will examine for indigenous sites and artefacts,” said Debbie Jackson, Alinta’s Project Manager.

“The South Gippsland Natural Gas Project will make natural gas available to approximately 10,000 properties in Lang Lang, Korumburra, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Inverloch, providing an economical, reliable and safe energy option for local businesses and householders in the region.”

“In fact, an independent report by KPMG (engaged by the Victorian State Government) in August 2005 found the project will provide a \$57 million economic boost to the region over the next two decades and create an average of 59 new full time jobs locally each year for the next 20 years.”

“The entire project will take around three years to complete. We expect construction works on this stage of the project to begin in the next several weeks, with completion due in 2010.”

“Multinet and Alinta would like to acknowledge the property owners impacted by the works, and undertake to keep our communication lines open with them during the construction phase. Multinet and Alinta commit to limiting the impact on property owners as much as practicable. We will continue to regularly inform residents of South Gippsland about the progress of the pipeline during the construction phase,” Ms Jackson said.

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Alinta Asset Management, Australia’s leading provider of infrastructure solutions, is the prime contractor for the gas network owned by Multinet Gas