



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CONTRACTOR APPOINTED TO MULTINET GAS PIPELINE**

Multinet Gas has appointed Delco Australia Ltd to construct the Multinet South Gippsland Natural Gas Pipeline, a \$50m project to bring the benefits of reticulated natural gas to about 10,000 properties in the region. Multinet Gas has contracted Alinta to project manage the South Gippsland Natural Gas Project.

Alinta's project manager Debbie Jackson, said "Delco Australia has been appointed to construct the 66 km of the transmission pipeline required by the project. They have extensive experience of similar jobs, including the 343 km pipeline from Kambalda to Esperance in WA and an 80km natural gas pipeline in QLD."

"Preliminary surveying and fencing works are almost complete. We are now waiting on approval from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs to begin construction, after several sites of cultural significance were identified by Alinta's heritage archaeologist," Ms Jackson said.

"In consultation with experts from the Boonerwung and Bunurong communities we've applied to the Minister for approval to disturb the sites, while preserving the artifacts we've found there, to construct the pipeline."

"We expect to receive our final permit to construct, including approval from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, in the next few weeks. Delco Australia will begin work shortly after that on the Transmission pipeline. The entire project taking about three years including all the distribution gas mains."

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

"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 will limit 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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