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STATE GOVERNMENT GIVES FINAL SIGN-OFF TO CONSTRUCT MULTINET GAS PIPELINE

Final approval to construct the \$50 million Multinet Gas South Gippsland Natural Gas project was granted by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on the 4th April, 2007. This was the final step in the approval process to get the permit to disturb after several sites of cultural sites of significance were identified by Alinta's heritage archaeologist.

Multinet Gas has contracted Alinta Asset Management (Alinta) to project manage the South Gippsland Natural Gas Project. Alinta recently appointed Delco Australia Ltd to construct the 66 km of transmission pipeline required for the project. The transmission pipeline will supply natural gas from the Bass Gas station in Lang Lang to the townships of Korumburra, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

Alinta's project manager, Debbie Jackson, said "The final construction approval from the Victorian government is a major milestone for the project, and comes after nearly 18 months of extensive planning, engineering, surveys and field work."

"Delco Australia Ltd, has commenced preliminary construction works. The entire project, including construction of the gas distribution mains will take approximately three years." Ms Jackson said.

"The South Gippsland Natural Gas Project will make natural gas available to approximately 10,000 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."

The South Gippsland Natural Gas Project is jointly funded by the State Government of Victoria's Natural Gas Extension Program and Multinet Gas. Residents will be kept up to date when natural gas distribution is approaching their respective towns and how to arrange connection.

"Multinet Gas and Alinta would like to acknowledge the property owners impacted by the works, and we undertake to keep our communication lines open with them during the construction phase."

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