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South Gippsland Natural Gas Extension Project

Multinet Gas with the support of the State Government of Victoria Natural Gas Extension Program will reticulate natural gas to the towns of Lang Lang, Inverloch, Korumburra, Leongatha and Wonthaggi in South Gippsland. Alinta Asset Management ('Alinta') has been appointed the project manager responsible for the construction and maintenance of the new gas network.

Summary

Over the last few months, we have gained our permit and licence from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) for the South Gippsland Natural Gas pipeline (SGNGP). The permit means that the DPI has approved the route and land use for the pipeline. Safety and environment issues associated with the construction and maintenance of the pipeline have been addressed and were taken into account prior to the granting of the licence. Multinet Gas has also submitted final documentation for the Environmental Management Plan to the DPI for approval, and the DPI's approval is required prior to commencing construction. The construction of the transmission pipeline is scheduled for January 2007. Construction in the township of Lang Lang will commence earlier, as this project will be constructed independent to the overall SGNGP.

The Minister for Energy Industries and Resources, Theo Theophanous, has granted Multinet Gas permission for compulsory acquisition of easements required for the SGNGP project. It is still preferable for landowners and Multinet Gas to agree on terms and conditions and Alinta property liaison officers will continue discussions with landowners to achieve this aim.

Detailed below is the project progress report:

Indicative Dates	Tasks	Progress to Date - November 2006
September - November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second valuations offered to landowners by local independent valuer, C.J.A Lee Property Engagement of agricultural consultants to assess independent impact and issues report for landowners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In progress and we will continue to provide updates to landowners Completed

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September – October, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit and licence for the South Gippsland Natural Gas Pipeline Ongoing discussions with landowners regarding easement acquisitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit and licence granted by DPI In progress
November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement of city gate and construction works for the township of Lang Lang. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Track
December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of easement acquisition with landowners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Track
December 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint contractor for the construction of the transmission pipeline. Request final consent to commence construction of the transmission pipeline from the Department of Primary Industries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Track On Track
January 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned commencement of construction of the transmission pipeline after consultation with all affected landowners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On track

Please note that the above time lines are indicative and are subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact James Wong on (03) 8544 9480 or email james.wong@alinta.net.au

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