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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, maintenance and operation of the new gas network.

### Welcome to our new revised newsletter on the South Gippsland Natural Gas Project.

#### Summary

Following our meeting with landowners in July, discussions are continuing with landowners on an individual basis to reach agreements. Compensation valuations and meetings with agricultural consultants are continuing. Landowners have been encouraged to seek independent professional advice if they wish and Alinta will reimburse costs subject to the amounts being reasonable.

During August Alinta lodged its pipeline permit application with the Department of Primary Industries (DPI). A detailed Environment report was also completed and submitted to the DPI. This report has highlighted the environmental issues that must be managed during the construction and operation of the South Gippsland Natural Gas Project.

#### Detailed below is the project progress report:

Indicative Dates	Tasks	Progress to Date - August 2006
February - March, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Properties affected by the pipeline to be valued using an independent and local valuer</li> <li>Transmission pipeline design to commence including all engineering studies</li> <li>Project updates provided to relevant stakeholders including the Victorian Farmers Federation and the Department of Primary Industries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> <li>Completed</li> <li>In progress and stakeholders will continue to be updated.</li> </ul>

Indicative Dates	Tasks	Progress to Date - August 2006
March - September, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valuations presented to affected landowners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>
August - September, 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement of agricultural consultants</li> <li>Agricultural consultants meeting with landowners to conduct independent impact assessments and prepare reports for landowners</li> <li>Submission for permits and licence to the relevant authorities including the Departments of Primary Industries and Sustainability and Environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed</li> <li>In progress</li> <li>In progress</li> </ul>
October - November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permit and licence approvals from the relevant authorities</li> <li>Contractor to be appointed for the construction of the transmission pipeline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Track</li> </ul>
November 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement of Lang Lang City gate and construction works</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Track</li> </ul>
January, 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commencement of construction of the transmission pipeline after consultation with all affected landowners.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On track</li> </ul>

Please note that the above time lines are indicative and are subject to change.

Key characteristics of the project are summarised in the table below:

### Key Characteristics of the South Gippsland Natural Gas Pipelines

Project Element	Description
Market Objective	South Gippsland Pipeline: first gas by mid 2007 Lang Lang Pipeline: first gas by December 2006
Construct timetable	Start construction fourth quarter 2006
Project cost	Approximately \$50 million
Project design life	30 years
Gas source	Bass Gas Plant, Lang Lang, Victoria
Total length of pipeline	South Gippsland Pipeline: 65km Lang Lang Pipeline: 65m
Maximum allowable operating pressure	10,200 kPa
Minimum depth of cover	750 mm (generally 1m cover)
Construction right-of-way width	Generally 20 m
Easement width	7 m
Construction workforce	Approximately 200
Consumers	Commercial, industrial and residential customers in South Gippsland

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either David Lee on 0407 501 059 or Bill Buckle on 0419 103 257. (Property Liaison Officers)

Further information is also available on the Multinet Website: [www.multinetgas.com.au](http://www.multinetgas.com.au) or contact 1300 131 689 (business hours).

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