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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

**APA Group (ASX: APA)**  
**(also for release to APT Pipelines Limited (ASX: AQH))**

## APA NOTES SEA GAS MAJOR CONTRACT COMMITMENTS

APA Group (ASX:APA), notes today's media release by SEA Gas (as attached) announcing the signing of multiple customer agreements on the SEA Gas Pipeline. The suite of contracts runs on average for 5 years, and locks in more than 80 per cent of the pipeline's firm capacity.

The 700 km<sup>1</sup> SEA Gas Pipeline, was commissioned in 2004, and is the key gas transmission link between Victoria and South Australia, providing approximately 50 per cent of Adelaide's gas supply.

APA acquired an initial interest in the pipeline in 2007 and increased its interest to 50 per cent in 2010, with the balance owned by Rest. APA also provides maintenance services for the SEA Gas asset portfolio.

APA's Managing Director Mick McCormack said, "Today's announcement by SEA Gas is a great outcome. It shows the key role gas has to play in Australia's transition to a lower carbon future, with South Australia having the highest renewable energy target of all the states. The SEA Gas pipeline continues to play a significant role in the transport of gas to various offtakes and interconnected pipeline systems in South Australia and Victoria."

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### About APA Group (APA)

APA is a leading Australian energy infrastructure business, owning and/or operating in excess of \$20 billion of energy infrastructure assets. Its gas transmission pipelines span every state and territory on mainland Australia, delivering approximately half of the nation's gas usage. APA has direct management and operational control over its assets and the majority of its investments. APA also holds ownership interests in a number of energy infrastructure enterprises including SEA Gas Pipeline, SEA Gas (Mortlake) Partnership, Energy Infrastructure Investments and GDI Allgas Gas Networks.

APT Pipelines Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Australian Pipeline Trust and is the borrowing entity of APA Group.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes laterals



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### SEA GAS SIGNS MAJOR GAS CUSTOMERS

SEA Gas today announced it had signed multiple agreements with major users and retailers for the transportation of gas to southern Australia from January 2019.

The suite of contracts run for average terms of approximately 5 years and mark the first time significant capacity has been offered outside the foundation contracts since the SEA Gas pipeline between Port Campbell and Adelaide was first operational in January 2004.

SEA Gas CEO Wendy Oldham said the company had now locked in firm capacity bookings for more than 80 percent of the pipeline system in the near term, with some contracts extending well beyond 2023.

“This is an excellent outcome for SEA Gas and is another solid step towards a more secure energy supply in South Australia and Victoria,” Ms Oldham said.

“The new contracts follow our first public release of existing capacity in 15 years which created a unique opportunity for companies seeking firm capacity to service southern Australian markets”.

“Most of our capacity is expected to be utilised in fuelling gas-fired power stations in South Australia, as well as servicing industrial and residential gas consumers in both South Australia and Victoria. The gas-fired power provides critical baseload generation and energy security to the region, complementing renewable energy.”

As an ongoing commitment to meet demand into the future, SEA Gas has also recently completed a refurbishment of its Miakite Compressor Station in Victoria to meet summer and winter peak demands across the system.

The 700 kilometre pipeline system from Victoria to South Australia commenced operation in January 2004, completing the south-eastern Australia gas transmission grid linking Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide with gas supplies from fields in both South Australia and Victoria.

As SEA Gas enters its fifteenth year of operations it will continue bringing energy to the community.

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