APA increases its interest in SEA Gas Pipeline

Australia’s largest gas infrastructure business APA Group (ASX:APA) has agreed to acquire a further 16.7 per cent of the SEA Gas Pipeline from International Power for $46.3 million.

In June 2007 APA acquired a one third interest in the SEA Gas Pipeline from Origin Energy. APA has exercised its pre-emptive right over part of International Power’s interest, and with this acquisition APA’s overall interest in the pipeline will increase to 50 percent. APA also provides field operations and maintenance services to the asset.

Financial close is anticipated before the end of 2010.

The 680 km SEA Gas Pipeline, commissioned in 2004, provides a key gas transmission link between Victoria and South Australia. APA’s increased interest in the pipeline, together with the provision of operating and maintenance services, is in line with APA’s strategy of owning, operating and managing energy infrastructure assets in Australia.

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