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## **FYFE WINS GLNG®**

### **GAS SURVEY WORK**

Adelaide-based engineering and surveying firm Fyfe has won a major survey and route engineering contract for a 435 kilometre gas pipeline from Roma in southeast Queensland to Gladstone, on the State's central coast.

Initial work on the pipeline, which is part of the multi-billion dollar Gladstone Liquefied Natural Gas (GLNG®) project, has already commenced with a preliminary site inspection.

The Roma to Gladstone pipeline will carry coal seam gas (CSG) from production wells in the Surat and Bowen basins near Roma, Fairview and Scotia to a new LNG processing and export facility at Gladstone being developed by project partners Santos and PETRONAS.

Construction work at Gladstone is expected to commence next year (2010) with the shipments of gas planned for 2014.

When completed, the GLNG project will process between three and four million tonnes of CSG into LNG per year.

Fyfe's Managing Director, Mr Mark Dayman, said the contract was the largest individual CSG project the firm had won.

It also coincides with an agreement Fyfe has been awarded to design and develop new generation CSG wellhead facilities for Santos.

These facilities dewater the gas prior to its extraction from the ground and remotely measure the amounts of gas and water produced.

Mr Dayman said wellhead facilities contract was a testament to the expertise that Fyfe had developed in this field.

Design and engineering work on the project was scheduled to be completed by late this year.

Mr Dayman said in recent years, Fyfe had worked on the development of more than 1500 wells and 1200 gathering lines in Queensland.

"Survey work has also been undertaken on the Condamine Pipeline and Berwyndale project trunk pipeline with the design and survey for more than 800 wells and associated gathering systems in the Cooper Basin in South Australia," he said.

“CSG is a particular field of expertise for Fyfe and is an area which offers enormous growth potential in coming years.”

Mr Dayman said Fyfe's Brisbane office would double its engineering workforce in coming months in response to the contract and others relating to CSM developments in Queensland.

Additional engineers and surveyors would be flown in from Fyfe's head office in Adelaide to meet any initial shortfall.

“The rapid expansion of the CSG industry in Queensland is expected to see Brisbane become our largest office in the next few years,” Mr Dayman said.

Fyfe's head office is in Adelaide and it also has offices in Brisbane, Darwin and Alice Springs as well as remote offices at Moomba, Roma and Ballera.

Coal seam gas is mainly methane that is stored within coal deposits or seams. It is extracted, processed and reduced in temperature to minus 161 degrees Celsius when it liquefies and can be stored for transport.

Mr Dayman said the CSM industry was only just starting to develop and activities in the next 12 months would dwarf anything achieved to date.

Fyfe recently signed a collaboration with Mustang Engineering, a subsidiary of global energy services company John Wood Group, to enable it to take a greater role in the development of CSG projects.

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