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FOR YULARA GAS PIPELINE

Work has commenced on a front-end engineering study for the development of a high pressure natural gas spur line to power the central Australian tourist centres of Kings Canyon and Yulara.

National engineering and surveying company Fyfe is assessing three proposed routes for the pipeline, taking into account sacred site and environmental concerns.

The work is being undertaken for the Northern Territory's Power and Water Corporation.

The high pressure spur line will run from an offtake point on the Amadeus Basin to Darwin Pipeline, near the Mereenie gas field's central treatment plant, to Kings Canyon and Yulara and will service the energy requirements of the towns for the next 25 years.

Fyfe's Managing Director, Mr Mark Dayman, said three proposed routes had been identified, ranging in length from 180 kilometres to 260 kilometres, with two of them either crossing or going around Lake Amadeus.

"Our work involves assessing the most practical, least intrusive route from an environmental and sacred site perspective and then designing the pipeline and associated infrastructure," he said.

"Kings Canyon and Yulara are in a World Heritage area, so it is important to minimise impact on the environment."

Power at Yulara is currently generated using compressed natural gas which is delivered by road train from Alice Springs daily and is supplemented by diesel, particularly during summer months of peak demand. Kings Canyon has a solar installation and diesel-powered generators.

The gas pipeline will provide a reliable source of gas capable of meeting the growing demands of the towns for the next 25 years and beyond.

Mr Dayman said engineers and surveyors from Fyfe's Darwin and Alice Springs offices would be working on the project with additional resourcing from other Fyfe offices around Australia.

“Our proven ability to service remote areas of Australia has been a key to winning this contract,” he said.

The final report on the most appropriate route, cost estimates and equipment selection is expected to be completed by mid May, 2010.

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