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Significant milestone rapidly approaching for \$19.8 million Bundaberg Port Gas Pipeline

Another important milestone is rapidly approaching for the \$19.8 million Bundaberg Port Gas Pipeline in Queensland.

Almost 75 per cent of the 28 kilometre major infrastructure project – forecast to provide a major economic boost for the broader Bundaberg region – has been completed.

Since construction commenced in April this year, more than 18.5 kilometres of pipeline has been laid.

And in another significant milestone, the project has maintained a 60 per cent local workforce participation rate.

"We are delighted with the way this project continues to develop, and the important role it has played in employing local workers," Australian Gas Networks Chief Operating Officer, Mr Andrew Staniford, said today.

"Construction continues to progress well, while civil works have been completed at the Kensington Gate Station," he said.

"The APA Group – which operates our gas distribution infrastructure – is working closely with local authorities and other stakeholders to minimise the impact to local businesses, residents, motorists and workers.

"The project is on track for completion and commencement of gas supply by 1 January next year."

The Bundaberg Port Gas Pipeline is expected to deliver a major economic boost for the area.

A key function of the much-anticipated pipeline will be its support of the development of the new \$70 million Knauf Plasterboard facility.

Further - and critically - the pipeline has been built to meet increased demand from potential new business and industry, and therefore assist in creating much needed further new jobs in the region.

"AGN is delighted to be playing an integral role in delivering such a significant infrastructure project to the broader Bundaberg region," Mr Staniford said.

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