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AWARD OF BONAPARTE GAS PIPELINE CONTRACT

AJ Lucas is pleased to announce it has been awarded by the APA Group the contract for the construction of the Bonaparte Gas Pipeline. The contract is for a high pressure gas transmission pipeline for the transport of natural gas from the Blacktip Gas plant near Wadeye in the Northern Territory to the existing Amadeus Basin to Darwin gas pipeline, a distance of approximately 285 km.

Stage 1 of the contract commences immediately. The construction contract is a major part of the total project cost of approximately \$140 million. Construction will occur during the 2008 dry season with the pipeline scheduled to deliver first gas by 1 January 2009.

The pipeline will initially be capable of delivering 30PJ/year and will ensure the energy requirements of the Northern Territory continue to be met.

The award of the pipeline construction contract follows the award to AJ Lucas by APA group of the Brooklyn to Lara gas pipeline contract in Melbourne's outer suburbs announced in August 2007.

Mr Campbell, AJ Lucas Group Managing Director said: "We are very pleased to have been selected to construct the Bonaparte pipeline and this continues our long association with the APA Group. The award reinforces our leading presence in the pipeline sector with projects now underway in Queensland, Victoria and the Northern Territory".

For further information, please contact Allan Campbell on 02 9809 6866.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allan Campbell".

Allan Campbell
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

About AJ Lucas Group Limited

AJ Lucas is a leading provider of both specialist infrastructure services and mining services. It is the leading supplier of drilling services to Australia's coal and coal seam gas industries. It is also Australia's largest builder of long distance gas pipelines. Other divisions provide gas management services to the coal industry, construction, civil and property services.



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