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AJ LUCAS ANNOUNCES EXECUTION OF TRUNKLINE CONTRACT WITH QGC

AJ Lucas Group Limited (ASX:AJL) (**Lucas**) is pleased to announce that it has executed a contract with QGC Pty Limited for the construction and installation of gas and water trunklines for the northern region of the Queensland Curtis LNG Project. The contract value is \$85.5 million and is to be undertaken in joint venture with Spiecapag Australia, each party having a 50% interest in the joint venture.

The project, located in central Queensland, near Wandoan, entails laying gas (53.6km) and water (24.5km) pipelines together with high voltage power and fibre optic cable (79.8km).

The contract is scheduled to commence construction in mid to late July 2013 with practical completion due by March 2014.

Lucas has over 25 years experience of undertaking major projects in Central and Southern Queensland. Consistent with our usual practice, Lucas will use local businesses to support and undertake this contract, which it considers a key ingredient for the success of this project.

Lucas CEO, Allan Campbell, said: "We are very pleased to have been awarded this contract which recognises our significant experience and long standing capability in the delivery of pipelines in Central Queensland. We are also particularly pleased to be again working with Spiecapag, one of the world's largest pipeline installation companies, with whom we have previously worked on similarly significant projects."

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About AJ Lucas Group Limited

Lucas is a leading provider of specialist infrastructure, construction and drilling services to the energy, water and waste water, resources and public infrastructure sectors. In particular, it is the largest supplier of drilling and gas management services to Australia's coal industry. Other divisions provide construction and civil engineering services.

AJ Lucas is also a proven developer of unconventional hydrocarbon properties. Current investments include a 44% shareholding in Cuadrilla Resources, an exploration and production company focused on unconventional hydrocarbons, a 18.75% direct interest in the Bowland and a 25% direct interest in the Weald shale basin prospects in respectively North West and South East England. Past projects successfully developed and exited include the Company's investments in Gloucester Basin, Sydney Gas and ATP651 in Queensland's Surat Basin.