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### **AJ Lucas selected for Northern Interconnect Expansion gas pipeline contract**

AJ Lucas Group Limited (ASX: AJL) (Lucas) today announced its joint venture with Spiecapag Australia Pty Limited has been awarded a significant contract to construct further pipeline looping in Victoria and NSW as part of APA Group's Northern Interconnect Expansion Project.

The project, which is part of APA Group's planned upgrade and expansion of its east coast gas grid in response to the transitioning gas market in eastern Australia, will increase the flow of gas from Victoria and New South Wales. The project will be undertaken by Spiecapag Lucas, the joint venture between Lucas Engineering & Construction Pty Limited and Spiecapag Australia Pty Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the world leading international pipeline and facilities specialist contractor, Spiecapag S.A.

Spiecapag Lucas' full service execution will provide trench excavation, pipe welding, pipe placement and lay-in, surface protection and remediation of the right of way.

The commencement of machinery mobilisation will occur at the beginning of January 2016 with construction of the pipeline expected to commence in February 2016.

#### **Russell Eggers, managing director and chief executive of AJ Lucas, said:**

*"This new contract with APA Group builds on our long term relationship of delivering their gas pipelines, which was highlighted recently with the completion on-time and on-budget of the 293km Eastern Goldfields Gas Pipeline in WA.*

*"This contract win is a further demonstration of our industry-leading experience, excellent safety record and strong client focus. It also extends our already established strategic partnership with Spiecapag Australia, which has been in place for more than 20 years."*

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#### **About AJ Lucas Group Limited**

AJ Lucas is a leading provider of pipelines, specialist infrastructure, construction and drilling services to the energy, water and wastewater, resources and public infrastructure sectors. In particular, it is the largest supplier of drilling and gas management services to Australia's coal industry.

AJ Lucas is also a proven developer of unconventional hydrocarbon properties. Current investments include a 45% shareholding in Cuadrilla Resources Holdings Limited, an exploration and production company focused on unconventional hydrocarbons, and direct interests in each of the Bowland, Elswick and Bolney Licences in the UK. Past projects successfully developed and sold include AJ Lucas' investments in the Gloucester Basin in NSW, Sydney Gas Limited, ATP651 in Queensland's Surat Basin and a 6.25% interest in the Bowland prospect.