



Gas Pipelines Act 2000

Notice of Renewal

**GAS PIPELINE LICENCE
(CONSTRUCTION)**

issued to

TASMANIAN GAS PIPELINE PTY LTD
ACN 083 052 019

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BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the *Gas Pipelines Act 2000* (the Act), the Regulator is responsible for administering the Tasmanian licensing system for gas entities.

The Regulator has the authority to consider and determine licence applications, and can refuse or issue licences to construct or operate a transmission pipeline system or pipeline facility.

Tasmanian Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd (ACN 083 052 019) (TGP Pty Ltd) is the holder of a Pipeline (Construction) Licence which is due to expire on 15 July 2013. The Regulator received a written request from TGP Pty Ltd on 14 March 2013, applying for the renewal of its Pipeline (Construction) Licence.

CONSIDERATION OF RENEWAL OF LICENCE

Under the Act, the Regulator may only issue a gas pipeline licence if satisfied that the applicant can meet the requirements of the Act.

Section 12(2) of the Act provides that:

“The Regulator may grant a pipeline licence only if satisfied that –

- (a) the applicant has adequate technical and financial resources to undertake the proposed activities; and
- (b) the applicant is a body corporate (or a partnership of 2 or more bodies corporate); and
- (c) a permit or other authority for the construction of the pipeline or pipeline facility has been granted under any other relevant law; and
- (d)
- (e) the applicant can demonstrate compliance with, or an intention to comply with, the requirements of this Act.”

For the construction or operation of a pipeline facility, section 12(3) and 12(4) provide further pre-conditions for granting a pipeline licence.

Section 12(3) of the Act states that the Regulator must not grant a pipeline licence which authorises the construction or operation of a supply pipeline unless an order has been made under section 3(3) declaring the supply pipeline to be treated as a transmission pipeline for the purposes of the Act.

Section 12(4) of the Act states that the Regulator must not grant a pipeline licence unless the Director of Gas Safety has provided a certificate that, in his or her opinion, the pipeline or pipeline facility has, or will have, the necessary ability to convey or process gas, petroleum or another regulated substance safely.

In considering whether to renew a gas pipeline licence, the Regulator takes into account the same considerations. From the information provided by TGP Pty Ltd for its initial application and over the course of the licence term, the Regulator is satisfied that TGP Pty Ltd still meets the requirements of the Act.

For a renewal application, the Regulator must also advertise receipt of the application in the *Government Gazette* and three newspapers circulating generally in Tasmania at least 30 days prior to making a determination on the application. Notice was given

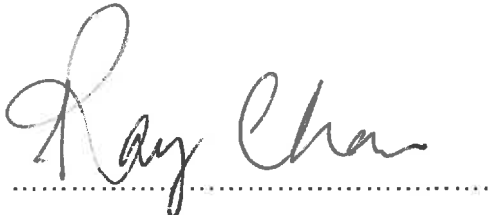
in the *Mercury*, *Examiner*, and *Advocate* on 30 March 2013, and in the *Gazette* on 3 April 2013.

REGULATOR'S DECISION

After considering TGP Pty Ltd's application, the Regulator is satisfied that the renewal of the pipeline construction licence held by TGP Pty Ltd is consistent with the Act.

The Regulator decides to renew the gas pipeline construction licence of TGP Pty Ltd for a further twenty-five years effective on 15 July 2013.

The electronic copy of the renewed licence has been placed in the Public Register which is on the Regulator's website at www.economicregulator.tas.gov.au.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Chan". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a horizontal dotted line.

Raymond Chan

DELEGATE OF REGULATOR

6 May 2013

