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## MEDIA STATEMENT

# Australian Gas Infrastructure Group welcomes N.T. Government announcement on new \$170m. pipeline

Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG) - Australia's leading gas infrastructure business - has today welcomed the Northern Territory Government's decision to grant conditional consent to commission and operate the new \$170m. Tanami pipeline infrastructure.

The announcement by NT Minister for Primary Industry and Resources, Paul Kirby, said construction of the Tanami Gas Pipeline is complete, AGIG can now test the pipeline by introducing gas at the pressure under which it will operate.

The Minister said once testing is successfully completed and independently verified, the pipeline will be able to go into full operational mode.

Newmont Mining Corporation awarded the contract for AGIG to build, own and operate the new 440-kilometre pipeline which will transport natural gas to Newmont's Tanami mine sites, about 540km north-west of Alice Springs, in the Northern Territory.

The pipeline – to be called the Tanami Gas Pipeline – connects to the existing Amadeus Gas Pipeline, about 180km north-west of Alice Springs, and links up with supply of gas to Newmont's Tanami facilities.

AGIG's Chief Customer Officer, Mr Andrew Staniford, said today that the Company was pleased to meet its priority commitment of completing the pipeline in the first quarter of calendar 2019.

"This is one of the most significant projects and investments we have undertaken in Australia and is an extremely exciting and complex project given its isolated location and geographical terrain," Mr Staniford said.

"Importantly, it will deliver much-needed natural gas to Newmont's Tanami Operation and is expected to lower production costs while also reducing carbon emissions," he said.

Mr Staniford said the pipeline follows the alignment of Tanami Road and passes through a mix of pastoral land, Aboriginal freehold land and Crown land.

### **About AGIG**

Australian Gas Infrastructure Group (AGIG) has approximately 2 million customers across every mainland state and the Northern territory, 34,000kms of distribution networks, over 3,500kms of gas transmission pipelines, and 42 petajoules of gas storage capacity. AGIG's vision is to be the leading gas infrastructure business in Australia - by delivering for customers, being a good employer, and being sustainably cost efficient.

In 2017, Australian Gas Networks (AGN), Dampier to Bunbury Pipeline (DBP) and Multinet Gas Networks (MGN) came together to form AGIG. The combined distribution, transmission and storage assets make AGIG one of the largest gas infrastructure businesses in Australia.

AGIG has a strong record of performance, delivering over \$2 billion worth of projects on time, on budget and with safety apriority. A recent example of major project success is the Tubridgi Gas Storage facility in Western Australia. Completed in September last year, Tubridgi Gas Storage is Western Australia's largest underground gas storage facility. It has improved storage services for natural gas shippers, and also improved supply security and reliability in the Western Australian gas market.

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