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### **EnergyAustralia awards BBS fourth contract**

*BBS power services expertise supports EnergyAustralia's network*

Specialist engineering, construction and asset management contractor, Bilfinger Berger Services (BBS), has been awarded a major contract by EnergyAustralia with the potential to provide many years of work for the company.

Under the contract, BBS' experienced power services business will work in Sydney's suburbs, replacing low voltage overhead conductors with insulated bundled cables.

Bundling power lines reduces the impact distribution lines can have on the aesthetics of the streetscape by minimising the need for tree lopping around the power lines.

Work will begin in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney.

BBS has just completed its first EnergyAustralia contract, the roll-out of 700 kilometres of aerial optical fibre – an element of the power company's Platform for Intelligent Network Communications (PINC) project. The fibre links up around 200 zone substations to make it easier for EnergyAustralia to manage and maintain its high voltage assets and telecommunications.

The implementation began in September 2006 and required specialised skills and vehicles to transport, roll-out and attach the fibre to the distribution poles. The fibre now connects EnergyAustralia's zone substations from Engadine, south of Sydney, to Muswellbrook in the Hunter Valley.

BBS has also secured a pole replacement contract and a pole inspection contract with EnergyAustralia in the Hunter region. These works are supported by the company's new depot in Tomago near Newcastle and employ around 26 people.

"BBS is a major end-to-end provider to the power industry in every state and has a 60-year heritage providing services to the Australian power industry," said BBS Managing Director, Mark Elliott.

"The recently secured EnergyAustralia contracts are an extension of the work BBS already does in South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria."

BBS commenced work on the pole replacement contract in December 2008, with the help of specialist vehicles such as lifter borers and 4x4 elevated work platforms (EWPs or cherry

pickers). BBS replaces steel streetlight and high and low voltage wooden poles deemed by EnergyAustralia to be defective.

EnergyAustralia is required to inspect every one of its pole assets every four years. BBS took-on this work in January 2009 and estimates it will inspect 60,000 power poles over the four-year cycle on behalf of EnergyAustralia.

BBS personnel carrying out pole inspection work require specialised training and a pesticide certificate. BBS measures the extent of internal deterioration of each pole, checks for termite activity and treats the pole to reduce termite activity and protect the timber before the next inspection in four years time. They then provide a report to EnergyAustralia regarding any defects who then advises if the pole should be replaced.

“BBS has been active in the Hunter region for some time through its subsidiary i.power solutions which manufactures and installs MV and LV switchgear, substations, switchrooms and automation for power, mining, water, manufacturing and food and beverage customers throughout Australia,” said Elliott.

“The pole inspection and replacement contracts mark a further expansion of the BBS business in the region.”

#### **About Bilfinger Berger Services**

Bilfinger Berger Services is a specialist engineering, construction and asset management contractor, creating, operating and maintaining vital public and industrial infrastructure in Australia, New Zealand and the region. Comprising business units with operating histories of 60 years or more and employing in excess of 3,000 people, the company is a leading provider to the energy, utilities, resources, industrial, transport and social infrastructure sectors. Through its subsidiaries, i.power solutions and Tanis IPS, the company is also a leading electrical switchgear and substation manufacturer, supplying mines and industrial customers throughout Australia and New Zealand.

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