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### **BBS win Contractor Excellence Award 2009 for Uranquinty Power Station**

Specialist engineering, construction and asset management contractor, Bilfinger Berger Services, has been awarded Infrastructure Partnerships Australia's Contractor Excellence Award 2009 for the Uranquinty Power Station project.

The award was presented at the 2009 Annual Infrastructure Oration and National Infrastructure Awards Dinner in Sydney, held last week.

Bilfinger Berger Services Managing Director, Mark Elliott, said the Uranquinty Power Station project was delivered under an innovative tripartite agreement between the client (ERM), the constructor (Bilfinger Berger Services) and the gas turbine supplier (Siemens).

"The unusual feature of the tripartite agreement was that the client, constructor and equipment supplier were not in a conventional client/prime contractor/sub contractor relationship, but instead entered into an agreement to work together to deliver the project," Mr Elliott said.

"The project achieved financial close in July 2007, with a requirement to have the plant operating in time for the summer peak at the end of December 2008 – an extremely tight timetable that was successfully achieved."

The Uranquinty Power Station is a 640 MW open cycle gas turbine peaker power station located at Uranquinty, a small town near Wagga Wagga in south-west NSW. The power station is now owned by Origin Energy.

The Uranquinty project was delivered on time and on budget with the plant producing greater than nameplate capacity. "The Uranquinty project was constructed to stringent environmental standards including low noise emissions and without storm water discharge from the site," Mr Elliott said.

#### **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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