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Spring Gully-Wallumbilla pipeline due to commence in August

Origin Energy CSG Limited announced that the company is proposing to construct a 300mm diameter steel pipeline from "Spring Gully" to the existing Wallumbilla to Brisbane pipeline as part of the development of their coal seam gas field in the Durham Downs area.

Pipeline construction is due to commence at the end of August 2004, and is expected to be completed in early December. Project approvals were granted by the Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy in May 2004.

Community Liaison Officer Alison John said "The proposed 87 km pipeline will tie in to existing gas facilities at Wallumbilla. As up to 90 personnel are expected to be involved during the pipeline construction phase, a camp capable of accommodating 100 personnel has been installed at "Spring Gully", 80 km northeast of Roma.

"While the contract for the steel pipeline is still to be awarded, Delco Australia Pty Ltd has successfully tendered for the contract to install the in-field main gas and water poly trunk lines which will connect the wells to a central processing plant.

"The successful tenderer of the civil construction work on site is Ostwald Bros of Dalby. In mid-August, it is expected that Ostwald Bros will begin constructing water storage ponds and a processing plant, with this work due for completion around July 2005."

So far, Origin Energy CSG Limited has drilled 35 wells in the Durham Downs area. Currently, the field is operated by a work team of 10 staff, although it is anticipated that staffing levels may grow to about 20 by mid next year when the first gas sales from the plant are expected. Depending on the eventual size of the project, staff levels could increase in coming years.

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