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Associated entity Dulhunty Poles Pty Ltd Contract Announcement

GEELONG COMPANY TO SUPPLY UNBURNABLE POWER POLES

NSW UTILITY SIGNS CONTRACT FOR FIREPROOF POWER POLES

Ausgrid, the electricity distributor for Sydney and Newcastle has signed a multi year contract for supply of Titan fire proof power poles manufactured in Geelong, Victoria, by Dulhunty Poles Pty Ltd (DPPL). EGY is a founding investor in DPPL which has developed the Titan pole from technology originally brought from the USA but redesigned, modified and improved by DPPL over the past four years, to suit the harsh Australian environment. DPPL has invested in excess of 10 million dollars in development of its "Australian" poles. The range of poles includes specialised transformer poles and Ausgrid have already begun installation in fire prone areas.

DPPL CEO, Tony Wingrove said that fire proofing of electricity distribution systems required many steps and would necessarily take a long time. However, the decision by Ausgrid represents a substantial improvement over the use of wood poles and will assist the safety and reliability of electricity supply in NSW. He said that DPPL hoped to generate business with Victorian and Western Australian utilities now that Ausgrid has moved to approve and accept the Titan pole. Both Victorian and Western Australian Utilities have suffered massive class action claims for fire damage caused by electricity distribution pole failure in one form or another in recent times. Mr Wingrove commented "if the pole we have developed saves even one life, after the heartbreak and personal devastation we have all seen following the catastrophic Marysville bushfires, the sweat and toil our team has invested in bringing the pole to market will have been worth it."

Australian utilities use more than 90,000 poles every year and most of these are wood with the remainder steel or steel reinforced concrete, both of which are electrically conductive. The new Titan pole by DPPL now provides utilities with an unburnable and electrically non conductive pole which will not rot or be attacked by termites.

Many poles are lost every year due to "pole top fires" caused by pollution or salt build up on wooden cross arms and wooden poles may be set on fire at the cross arm attachment point. The introduction of the Titan pole would prevent this fire risk and also eliminate the loss of poles during bushfire events thus assisting the maintenance or reconnection of electricity.

Following extensive trials in NSW, more than 10,000 Titan poles are now in service in Australia, French Polynesia and New Zealand. Discussions aimed at a trial with a Californian power company are expected to result in shipment of poles during the March quarter of 2016.

Dulhunty Poles, has been supported through its development phase by Mr Philip Dulhunty OAM, a leading Sydney entrepreneur who has been involved in the electricity supply industry since 1948. Mr Dulhunty originally noticed the Titan technology at a trade show in the USA and believed that it could form the basis for a solution to the perennial problem timber power poles pose during the Australian fire season.

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