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Comdain Infrastructure awarded Sunraysia Modernisation Project (SMP) Metering Package

Following a thorough and competitive tender process Comdain Infrastructure has been awarded the Sunraysia Modernisation Project (SMP) – Metering Works package.

The SMP is part of a \$120 million joint venture, initiative between the Commonwealth and Victorian State Governments and Lower Murray Water to modernise the Mildura, Red Cliffs and Merbein irrigation districts through a series of works packages including:

- Pipelines
- Pump station upgrades
- Metering Works
- Channel Automation

Comdain Infrastructure will be delivering the Metering Works Package which consists of the installation of approximately 1,100 below ground irrigation meters and 2,280 above ground stock and domestic meters.

The SMP will deliver 7.0GL water savings by upgrading the current irrigation infrastructure in the region to:

- Improve access to irrigation during the winter months enhancing the opportunity to establish new crop plantings and increase potential yield of existing crops
- Increase water quality and reduce water filtration costs and water losses
- Enable 365 days per year watering for a greater proportion of properties
- Improve energy efficiency and flow rates to better match crop water requirements
- Enable accurate measurement and reading of meters, consistent with National Water Initiative objectives for metering
- Enable the region to diversify cropping types utilising winter time irrigation and bringing other areas back into production
- Reduce the incidence of system shut down and potential loss production and crop failure
- Reduce operational and maintenance costs through decommissioning redundant pipelines
- Deliver environmental benefits, including the contribution to reduce salinity and improved environmental watering to Woorlong Wetland System and Cardross Lakes

Comdain's General Manager, Irrigation Alex Marshall said: "Comdain is pleased to get the opportunity to manage this landmark project in the Mildura region. We will leverage our existing irrigation metering skills to ensure we deliver a great outcome for Lower Murray Water and the community for years to come".

For more information please contact Alex Marshall, General Manager Irrigation on 0448 998 966.

About Comdain Infrastructure

Established in 1962, Comdain Infrastructure is a dynamic organisation with an enviable reputation for being a leading infrastructure design, construction and maintenance services business specialising in the water, irrigation and gas sectors.

Comdain is one of the leading water network construction contractors in Australia with a strong focus on continuous improvement delivering lower total cost of ownership for the benefit of all stakeholders including asset owners, managers and end customers. We develop long term relationships with our clients for maintenance and deliver of energy network infrastructure. We have a strong presence across Australia's eastern sea board, delivering over \$500m of infrastructure for both the private and government sectors over the last three years.

We are deliberately focused on having end-to-end capability in our areas of expertise. Our capability is demonstrated by our track record of achievement and it is underpinned by our commitment to complete the job regardless of what it takes. Robust management systems and processes exist to support our quality people who take full responsibility for their actions and pride in a job well done.

For more information about our capabilities across the water, irrigation and gas sectors, please visit us at: www.comdaininfrastructure.com.au

About Lower Murray Water

Lower Murray Water provides urban water services to 14 townships via nine treatment plants to approximately 70,000 customers along the Murray River in Victoria from Kerang to Mildura, providing high quality drinking water, wastewater, irrigation, drainage and water recycling services to their customers. Lower Murray Water maintains positive relationships and communications with rural and urban customers, government and other stakeholders.

For more information visit <http://www.lmw.vic.gov.au/>