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**AusNet Services first to achieve ISO 55001 accreditation**

AusNet Services has become the first Australian infrastructure business to achieve International Standards Organisation (ISO) 55001 accreditation for the asset management practices employed on its electricity transmission, gas distribution and electricity distribution networks.

After months of self-assessments, independent audits and reports during the accreditation stages early in 2014, AusNet Services is now employing the ‘best practice’ approach to managing the lifecycle of assets.

Alistair Parker, AusNet Services General Manager – Asset Management, said that achieving the accreditation has acknowledged the company’s ability to provide a safe and reliable energy supply to our many customers.

“AusNet Services strives for continual improvement on the value our $11 billion of assets provide for our customers and the techniques our employees use to manage those assets,” Mr Parker said.

“We’re committed to providing a safe and reliable supply of electricity and gas to 1.3 million homes and businesses that directly rely on our assets, along with the whole of Victoria served by our high-voltage electricity transmission network.

“We see significant value in achieving the ISO 55001 accreditation of our asset management practices as it gives us the latest framework and tools to economically reduce risks and improve service quality for customers,” he said.

Prior to receiving the ISO 55001 accreditation, AusNet Services – then trading as SP AusNet – was the first Australian infrastructure business to achieve PAS 55 accreditation of its transmission network asset management practices in 2008 and its gas and electricity distribution practices in 2011.

Select Solutions, a division of AusNet Services, can provide specialised services – including customised asset management programs, asset inspections and condition monitoring services – to ISO 55001 levels for AusNet Services and other infrastructure owners across Australia.

For more information refer to [www.select-solutions.com.au](http://www.select-solutions.com.au) or call (03) 8480 2555.

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**About AusNet Services**

AusNet Services is Victoria's largest energy delivery service, owning and operating approximately $11 billion of electricity and gas distribution assets that connect into more than 1.3 million Victorian homes and businesses.

Based in Melbourne, AusNet Services employs more than 2,200, including its Select Solutions and Geomatic Technologies businesses, and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: AST) and Singapore Exchange.

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