

# VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT

## MEDIA RELEASE



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### **GLEN WAVERLEY COMPANY AWARDED \$6 MILLION CONTRACT FOR VICTORIAN DESALINATION PROJECT**

Thies Degrémont has awarded a \$6 million contract to Wilson Transformer Company (WTC) from Glen Waverley to supply power transformers for the \$3.5 billion Victorian Desalination Project.

WTC will manufacture two 220/22kV power transformers, which will be located on the desalination plant site. The transformers will convert the 220kV transmission power supply from the underground power cable into the plant's required 22kV operating voltage.

Thies Degrémont, AquaSure's design and construction contractor for the Victorian Desalination Project, awarded the contract to WTC after a competitive tender process involving six companies, which included strong international competition.

Thies Degrémont Project Director, Greg Miller, said WTC's tender was successful due to its ability to deliver to schedule, the proven quality of its product and its local supply base.

"It makes sense to source sophisticated equipment like this locally," said Mr Miller. "We must deliver this project by the end of December 2011 and it helps to have the support of our suppliers not far away."

WTC was founded in 1933. From humble beginnings in a small garage in South Melbourne, it has grown to become the largest Australian manufacturer of power and distribution transformers.

The company has continued to progressively develop and expand and now operates from two world class manufacturing facilities in Glen Waverley and Wodonga, employing more than 600 people. It also manufactures offshore through joint ventures with companies in Malaysia and Saudi Arabia.

WTC's Managing Director, Robert Wilson, said, "We are delighted to participate in this major Victorian infrastructure project at a time when our Australian-owned company is also investing in its capability and capacity."

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**About AquaSure**

AquaSure has been contracted by the Victorian Government to deliver the \$3.5 billion Victorian Desalination Project. AquaSure brings together leaders in the fields of infrastructure design, construction, and finance.

**About Thiess Degrémont**

Thiess Degrémont is AquaSure's design and construction contractor, responsible for delivering Australia's largest desalination plant by the end of December 2011. Thiess Degrémont is a joint venture between Thiess, one of Australia's largest and most trusted construction and services companies, and Degrémont, a world leader in reverse-osmosis desalination technology.