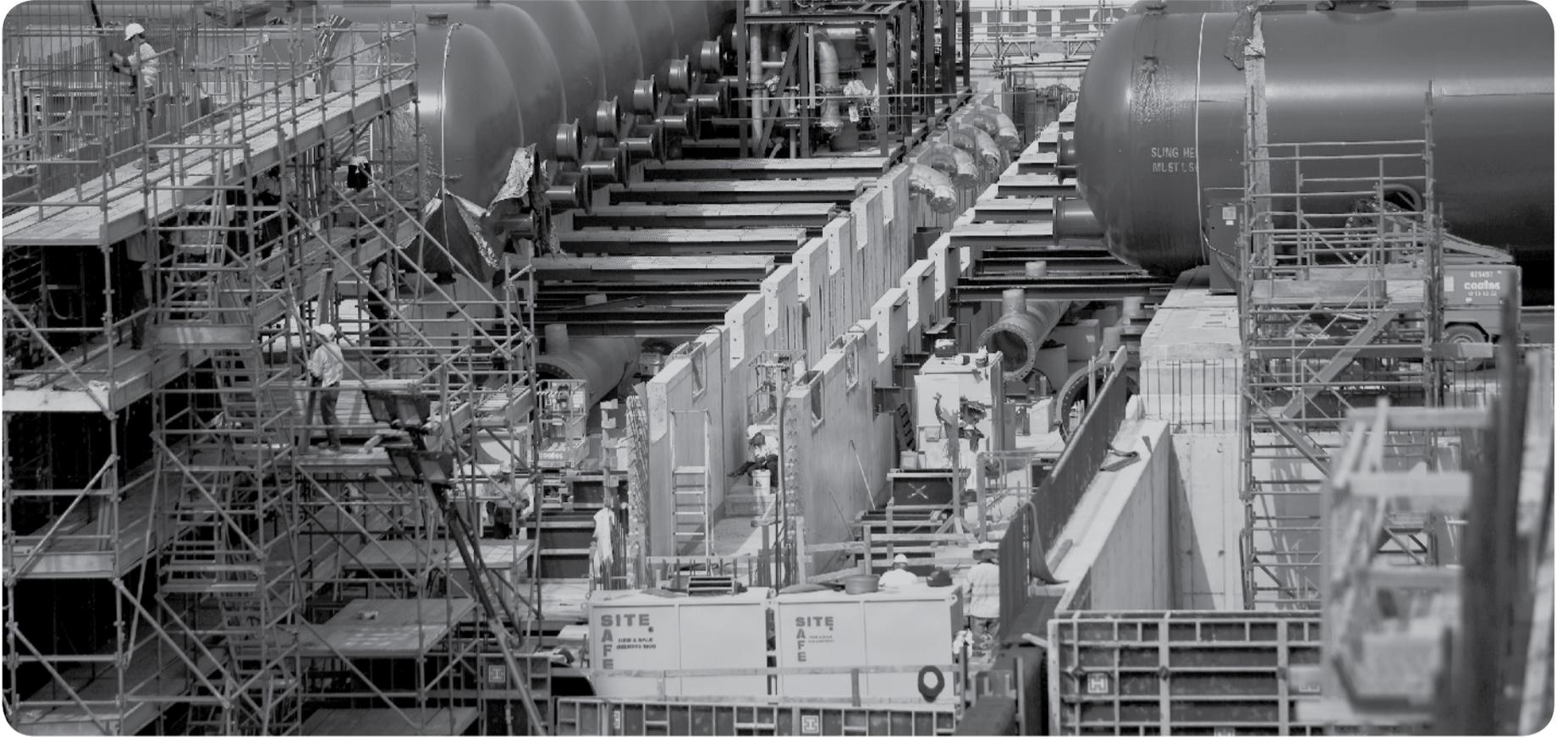


AN UPDATE FROM AQUASURE



Two key components of the Victorian Desalination Project are about to come together.

Installation of the marine structures was recently completed - two months ahead of schedule.

The intake and outlet structures sit on the seabed, drawing seawater into the plant and then returning seawater concentrate at the end of the process.

Installation of these structures was carried out from a jack-up barge, which became a prominent feature on the coastline for a short period of time.

Trained marine mammal observers were on board the jack-up barge at all times to ensure compliance with our environmental obligations.

With marine work now complete, the barge has now departed the area permanently, however it is important to note that the temporary marine exclusion zone is still in place.

Construction of the twin underground tunnels was also completed recently and the tunnelling team is now in the process of connecting to the marine structures.

Out on the pipe and power alignment, pipe laying and power cable installation is now almost 75% complete.

We expect to begin testing the pipeline and energising the power cable towards the middle of the year, and I will talk more about this in future columns.

36 out of 39 road crossings are now complete, along with 10 out of 21 water crossings.

On that note, I wanted to acknowledge the extraordinary flood events witnessed across Victoria last month.

The town of Koo Wee Rup was one of the towns hardest hit.

McDonalds Drain was breached by flood waters, where pipeline construction was not yet complete, and a number of surrounding properties were impacted by flood waters.

For many of these landowners, their land is their livelihood, and our pipeline construction contractor (Thiess Degrémont Nacap) has been active in providing practical and timely support wherever possible through the supply of manpower, plant and equipment.

They have also been working to assist the local Council and communities, assisting with dewatering of properties, cleaning out drains, supplying skips for rubbish collection and grading unsealed roads including some not associated with transport for the project.

The flood events have also generated much debate in the media about whether the desalination plant is still necessary and the cost at which it will come.

AquaSure is responding to the decision of the previous Victorian Government to construct a desalination plant.

We submitted a competitive, fixed price bid for the project. Contrary to media reports, that fixed price has not changed and will not change.

At the end of our 30 year contract term, the plant will be handed back to the State Government in perfect order and at no further charge.

We remain proud to have been selected for this task, of the facility that we are delivering and of the many people that have joined the team to deliver this project.

Chris Herbert CEO, AquaSure

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