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### **THE VICTORIAN DESALINATION PLANT ACHIEVES PRELIMINARY COMMERCIAL ACCEPTANCE**

AquaSure announced today that the Victorian Desalination Project had achieved Preliminary Commercial Acceptance, a key contractual milestone for the soon to be completed Project.

The event is the culmination of the successful completion of a number of tests that have been undertaken over the past few weeks and that are contractually required.

The most recent of these tests required the plant to undergo a seven day reliability test, operating continuously at one third of its 150 billion litre capacity, and producing high quality water which meets the very strict specifications required under the terms of its contract with the State government.

Chris Herbert, CEO, AquaSure, said this event further confirms the reliability and capability of the plant's world class technical systems and its expert operations team.

"The Project's enormous investment in quality assurance has ensured a very successful and streamlined commissioning process", said Mr Herbert. "I want to offer my warm congratulation to Thiess Degrémont for an outstanding and world-class job ", he said.

"The performance of the Plant is exceptional and the quality of the water it produces is the highest in Australia, given the standard of drinking water that Melburnians have come to expect.

"Water produced by the Plant will complement drinking water in Melbourne's existing supply network", he said.

The Victorian Desalination Plant is a State asset for the long term. It will produce high quality water to meet the needs of the people of Victoria whenever required, a resource that will be valued in times of future drought.

Commissioning of the remainder of the plant will continue over the next few months.

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