

SUCCESS FLOWING FROM SOMERTON FACILITY

All of the 70 kilometres of pipe required to complete the Sugarloaf Pipeline project have now been manufactured, thanks to Tyco's Somerton facility.

Tyco Water Steel Pipelines Marketing Manager, Rodney Glocer, said the Somerton facility has proven it is capable of supplying large diameter steel pipelines to major projects and is well placed to work on future water pipeline initiatives.

"The work undertaken at Somerton reinforces Tyco's capability in meeting tight timelines, budgets and the stringent demands of vital water pipeline projects," Mr Glocer said.

"We are responding to the increased demand and are delivering supplies to complete two major projects – the Sugarloaf Pipeline and the Adelaide Desalination Plant Connector Pipeline.

"Last year, the capacity of our small diameter facility was around 12,000 tonnes of steel pipes. Since Somerton has come online, this has extended to more than 60,000 tonnes each year."

Mr Glocer said despite recent rain, the Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance has confirmed the project is maintaining steady progress and continues to be ahead of schedule.

"Over the next two months our Somerton facility will complete all our current commitments including the Adelaide Desalination Plant for which we will manufacture the 11 kilometres of pipe needed to bring water from the desalination plant to Adelaide," Mr Glocer said.

"At the same time we will be working on supplying a small quantity of pipe to link into the Cardinia reservoir close to Melbourne.

"All of us at Tyco are thrilled that our Somerton factory is playing an important role in these essential infrastructure projects."

Adelaide's desalination plant, being built at Port Stanvac, is part of 'Water for Good', the South Australian Government's plan to ensure the ongoing supply of drinking water during drought.

Tyco's Somerton facility, opened by the Minister for Water, Tim Holding in November 2008, was built with the support of the Victorian Government, part of its efforts to generate manufacturing opportunities in the state.

