

Media Release

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NVIRP appoints Transfield Services as Managing Contractor

The Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP) today announced that *Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd* has been awarded the contract to assist delivery of the capital works component of the \$1 billion irrigation modernisation of the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID).

Richard Guy, OAM, Chairman of NVIRP said "this is a significant milestone for NVIRP to have engaged a Managing Contractor to assist delivery of the works program modernising the channel delivery system for this irrigation region.

"We have undertaken an extensive tender process and the recommendation for the engagement of *Transfield Services* was unanimously endorsed by the NVIRP Board late last week.

"*Transfield Services* is well equipped to deliver the project as it has demonstrated the systems and resources required to fulfil the outcomes of this major infrastructure project. Previously *Transfield Services* has been a partner in an Alliance that has this year delivered over \$100 million worth of irrigation upgrades as part of NVIRP's Early Works program," Mr Guy said.

Transfield Services Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Peter Watson said, "our company is a leader in managing complex projects and delivering sustainable development and management solutions. Given the importance of the irrigation industry to both the local region and the country, this is a critical project to ensure the sustainable delivery of water to Northern Victoria."

The appointment of the Managing Contractor will be to administer the delivery of the individual work packages which includes:

- the installation of the FlumeGate™ to enable total control and measurement of the channel water flow;
- the remodelling and lining of over 300 kilometres of the channel system; and
- the upgrading of meter outlets to meet new National standards which will provide a far more accurate measurement for the delivery of water onto irrigators' properties.

Mr Guy said the work packages will be of varying sizes with the first packages being offered to the Victorian construction industry in early 2009. This will create opportunities as well for the local construction industry and create a raft of employment in the region either directly in construction or in the support services.

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