

# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Alinta Signs Contract with Hansen

Hansen Technologies Limited (Hansen), a listed information systems and services group, today announced that contracts to the value of \$4.2 million have been signed with Alinta Limited for the supply, implementation and maintenance of a Network Management Information System (NMIS), including a contestable market gateway, to address the needs of Alinta Gas Networks.

The implementation of NMIS positions Alinta Gas Networks for full retail contestable operations as the Western Australia Gas market opens in June 2004. The NMIS solution is based on Hansen's Hub product. Hub provides the network functions of meter and consumption data management, network billing, market settlement, and market obligations reporting. It also provides a gateway for Alinta's interaction with the Western Australia Gas Contestable Market operator.

The NMIS implementation at Alinta will be the third implementation of the Hub solution for network businesses in the Australian market, which continues to demonstrate the strength of the system's consumption data management and network billing capabilities.

Peter Magarry, General Manager Alinta Network Services said, "We selected Hansen because we felt that the combination of the NMIS solution and Hansen's expertise and commitment to delivery gave us the best chance of meeting the Western Australian market opening." Cathy Bibby, Alinta's Chief Information Officer added, "Hansen is a company that we felt we could work with, that had presence and a good reputation in the market place, and that had the credentials and culture to become one of our strategic partners."

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Andrew Hansen, Chief Executive Officer of Hansen said, "Alinta is a dynamic company and Hansen is looking forward to the establishment of a long and successful relationship. This agreement further demonstrates and reinforces Hansen's position as a leading provider of network solutions and we believe there are significant opportunities for further implementations of the system both locally and globally."

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### **About Hansen**

Established in 1971, Hansen Technologies (Hansen) is an information technology solutions and services provider. Hansen offers Billing Solutions, Asset and Resource Management Solutions and IT Services to its customers globally. Hansen continues to grow based on a reputation of excellence in service delivery.

Operating primarily within the telecommunications and utilities markets, and with over 300 staff located in offices across three continents, it is ideally placed to take advantage of the opportunities that these competitive and rapidly growing markets present. It is listed on the ASX (company code HSN).

### **About Alinta**

Alinta is one of Australia's leading energy infrastructure companies.

Alinta's corporate head office is in Perth, with its network management operations based in Melbourne. Under a centrally managed, locally distributed model, Alinta operates and manages over 20,000km of gas pipes and 12,000km of electricity lines in Western Australia and Victoria which includes 1.1 million gas and 583,000 electricity connections.

On March 15, 2004, Alinta agreed to acquire a diversified portfolio of gas infrastructure and power generation assets from the Duke Energy Group for \$1,690 million. Alinta will develop a new corporate structure to incorporate these assets.

### **Energy Infrastructure**

Alinta operates, manages and part-owns more than 20,000 km of gas pipelines and 12,000 km of electricity lines, worth approximately \$4 billion.

AlintaGas Networks is Western Australia's leading natural gas distributor, delivering gas to businesses and around 60 per cent of Western Australian households through a network of over 11,000 km of pipelines.

United Energy Distribution is an electricity distribution company with networks covering about 1450 square kilometres and serving about 596,000 connections in Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula.

Multinet is the largest distributor of natural gas in Victoria, distributing approximately one-third of Victoria's annual gas load to about 630,000 commercial, industrial and domestic customers.

Asset Management Services consists of Alinta Network Services, which has long term service agreements in relation to each of the gas and electricity distribution businesses described above, and National Power Services, which provides construction and maintenance services to both ANS and other external customers.

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