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To: Company Announcements Office
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Notice of Extension of Offer Period

The Australian Gas Light Company (**AGL**) has today extended the offer period for its bid for Alinta Limited (**Alinta**). The offer now closes at 5.00pm (Perth time)/7.00pm (Sydney time) on 31 July 2006.

Attached are:

- (a) a letter that is being sent by AGL to Alinta shareholders;
- (b) a notice provided by AGL pursuant to:
 - (i) section 650D of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), giving formal notice that the offer period has been extended; and
 - (ii) section 630(2) of the Corporations Act, giving notice of 24 July 2006 as the new date for giving notice on the status of conditions of the offer.

For the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 3.2, AGL advises that:

- (a) at the time of making the first of its offers (being 11 May 2005), AGL and its associates did not have a relevant interest in any fully paid ordinary shares in Alinta; and
- (b) at the date of this notice, AGL and its associates had a relevant interest in 0.68% of the fully paid ordinary shares in Alinta.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane McAloon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jane McAloon
Company Secretary
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Dear Alinta Shareholder,

I would like to inform you of some important developments in relation to the offer by The Australian Gas Light Company (AGL) to acquire your ordinary shares in Alinta Limited (Alinta).

In accordance with the Australian Corporations Act, AGL is required to continue with this offer despite the announcement on 26 April 2006 of an agreed merger of Alinta and AGL's infrastructure assets.

Execution of Merger Implementation Agreement

On 1 June 2006, AGL and Alinta announced that they had signed the Merger Implementation Agreement (MIA) to formalise the binding Heads of Agreement signed by both parties on 26 April 2006.

Alinta and AGL have entered into this MIA to record and document the binding terms and conditions upon which they propose to proceed to implement their agreed transaction to merge their respective infrastructure businesses.

Take no action

I appreciate that this situation may seem quite confusing, however, AGL is bound by the formal legal process which surrounds all takeover bids. As part of the Takeovers Panel proceedings, AGL and Alinta have undertaken to the Panel and each other not to declare their offers unconditional without giving 7 days notice. And as a result of the MIA, neither Alinta nor AGL may vary its takeover offers except by extending the term of the offers. A formal notice extending AGL's offer to 31 July 2006 is enclosed with this letter.

The AGL Board recommends that Alinta Shareholders **take no action** in relation to this extension and await further advice from Alinta and AGL on developments in relation to the agreed merger of the two companies' infrastructure assets.

Next Steps

Full details of the MIA have been released to the Australian Stock Exchange. AGL and Alinta will now focus on preparing and executing all documents necessary to facilitate the Shareholder Meetings to consider the AGL Scheme of Arrangement and Alinta Scheme of Arrangement and the necessary Court Approvals.

It is anticipated that both the AGL and Alinta Shareholder meetings required to implement their respective Schemes of Arrangement will be held in early to mid-September. You will receive further advice from your Board in due course. A copy of the MIA is available on the AGL Website.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Johnson
5 June 2006

A copy of this notice was lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) on 5 June 2006. ASIC takes no responsibility for the contents of the notice.

NOTICE OF VARIATION OF TAKEOVER OFFER FOR BID CLASS SECURITIES IN ALINTA LIMITED

To: Alinta Limited ABN 40 087 857 001 (Alinta)

And to: The holders of all of the fully paid ordinary shares in Alinta registered on 4 May 2006 (**Alinta Shareholders**).

1 Extension of Offer Period

In accordance with section 650D of the Corporations Act, The Australian Gas Light Company ABN 95 052 167 405 (**AGL**) hereby gives notice that it **varies** its offers dated 11 May 2006 for all of the fully paid ordinary shares in Alinta (**Offers**) contained in AGL's Bidder's Statement dated 5 May 2006 (**Bidder's Statement**) by:

- (a) extending the period during which the Offers remain open for acceptance until 5.00pm Perth time/7.00pm Sydney time on 31 July 2006;
- (b) substituting "31 July 2006" for "12 June 2006" where it appears in the Bidder's Statement; and
- (c) substituting "24 July 2006" for "5 June 2006" where it appears in the Bidder's Statement.

2 Notice as to status of Defeating Conditions

In accordance with section 630(2) of the Corporations Act, AGL hereby gives notice that:

- (a) the new date for giving notice as to the status of the defeating conditions set out in Section 9.8 of the Bidder's Statement is 24 July 2006;
- (b) the Offers have not been freed from any of the defeating conditions set out in Section 9.8 of the Bidder's Statement; and
- (c) so far as it knows, none of the defeating conditions set out in Section 9.8 of the Bidder's Statement were fulfilled as at the date of this notice.

3 Right to withdraw acceptances

In accordance with section 650E of the Corporations Act, as this notice results in a total extension of the Offer Period by more than one month, those Alinta Shareholders who have validly accepted the Offer on or before the date of this notice may withdraw their acceptance by giving notice to AGL (**Withdrawal Notice**) within one month beginning on the day after the day on which they received this notice (**Withdrawal Period**).

Alinta Shareholders who withdraw their acceptance must return any consideration received for accepting the Offers. A Withdrawal Notice by an Alinta Shareholder withdrawing acceptance under section 650E of the Corporations Act must:

- (a) if their securities are in a CHESS Holding:
 - (i) be in the form of a Valid Originating Message transmitted to ASTC by the Controlling Participant for that CHESS Holding in accordance with Rule 14.16.1 of the ASTC Settlement Rules; or
 - (ii) be in the form of a notice to AGL setting out the information that AGL requires to enable it to transmit a Valid Message to ASTC on behalf of the Offeree in accordance with Rule 14.16.5 of the ASTC Settlement Rules; and
- (b) in any other case, be in writing to AGL.

If an Alinta Shareholder is legally entitled to give, and does in fact give, a Withdrawal Notice within the Withdrawal Period, AGL will before the end of 14 days after the day it is given the Withdrawal Notice:

- (a) return to the Alinta Shareholder any documents that were sent by the Offeree to AGL with the acceptance of the Offer; and
- (b) if the Alinta Shareholder's securities are in a CHESS Holding, transmit to ASTC a Valid Message that authorises the release of the relevant securities from the Offer Accepted Subposition in which the securities have been reserved in accordance with Rule 14.16.3 or 14.16.5 of the ASTC Settlement Rules (as appropriate).


Words defined in the ASTC Settlement Rules have the same meaning when used in this Section 3, unless the context requires otherwise.

Dated 5 June 2006

Signed on behalf of The Australian Gas Light Company by Mark Johnson and Paul Anthony, being directors of The Australian Gas Light Company authorised to sign this notice by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Directors of The Australian Gas Light Company.



Mark Johnson
Chairman



Paul Anthony
Managing Director and
Chief Executive Officer