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**Media Release**

## **Pipe and Civil Constructions and J. Murphy & Sons unite to lead in large scale pipeline construction in Australia.**

Pipe and Civil Constructions Pty Ltd, a leader in pipeline construction in Australia today announces the formation of a partnership with Murphy Pipelines Ltd, one of UK's leading construction company. Murphy Pipelines has acquired a 50% stake in the Pipe & Civil group, a formidable partnership to deliver large scale pipeline projects in Australia.

Australia is facing a strong demand for resources-based construction and major infrastructure. The pipeline industry alone is undergoing a multi-billion dollar expansion with the development of the coal seam gas projects.

The new company Murphy Pipe and Civil is operational from March 2011 and is well placed to capitalise on this market expansion.

Both companies have similar values, offering quality and safety in their services to clients and building their business based on their people. When they are combined with Murphy's large resources and Pipe and Civil's strong track record in the local market, a solid platform is formed to offer premium construction services in Australia.

Murphy International Projects Manager Tony O'Sullivan said the investing in Pipe and Civil was an important step in penetrating into the Australian market.

"This fits with our international expansion of the construction business to continue to drive long term growth," said Mr O'Sullivan.



“Pipe and Civil’s good track record along with their sound QSE and financial systems was what attracted us most, “he said.

Pipe and Civil director Brenton Euler said that over the past four years the company has grown from strength to strength and the merger supported its strategy for growth.

“This exciting partnership will allow both companies to leverage their respective strengths and work towards greater presence in a wider range of market sectors “he said.

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