Welcome to the Gasline Newsletter
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Gasline is published regularly as part of the industry's efforts to encourage the direct use of natural gas and LPG into households and small businesses.

Using natural gas and LPG as a direct energy source offers numerous cost, environmental and energy efficiency benefits. Gas New Zealand hopes to educate consumers and policy makers about the many advantages of making wider use of this strategic energy asset.

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Single code submissions received and analysed

Thirteen submissions were submitted to the Gas Industry Co following First Gas's proposal to develop a single gas transmission access code. Consultation was undertaken on the First Gas paper, Gas Transmission Access: Single Code Options Paper (SCOP2), in November, 2016.

First Gas goes under the spotlight for CCMP exercise

First Gas's Critical Contingency Management Plan (CCMP) will be thoroughly tested next month to ensure it meets the Gas Governance (Critical Contingency Management) Regulations 2008. Critical Contingency Manager Graham Alexander will undertake the exercise on April 11, and will work with First Gas and its retailers to 'manage' pipeline pressure.

Industry's leaking valve solution

A leaky Wellington gas valve provided passers-by with an insight into how gas networks rectify the problem without causing widespread outages. Powerco investigated and confirmed the smell of gas emanating from a section in Wellington's main line, in Market Lane, following a recent complaint.

Plans in the pipeline to build largest aboveground LPG storage tank

On the other side of the world European petrochemicals company, Ineos, plans to construct the largest aboveground LPG storage tank in Europe. The 135,000m³ (80,000t) fully refrigerated tank, intended to hold primarily butane, will be built at Belgium's Antwerp Gas Terminal (AGT). The facility should begin commercial operations in 2019, but details of the project's cost are unknown.

Marrakech to host 30th World LPG Forum

Marrakech, a city in the North African country of Morocco, is set to host the next instalment of the annual World LPG Forum from October 3-5. Taking place in the Palais des Congrès de Marrakech, it will be the 30th forum and will focus on the African LPG Market, themed High Potential, Major Opportunities.

Foretasting the future can be risky, but today there can be few better opportunities in the LPG industry than the African LPG business. Over the last five years, African LPG consumption has increased by nearly 30 percent, far outpacing growth in other major regions of the world.

STORY IDEAS?

We are always looking for stories from both the natural gas and LPG worlds, as well as the wider gas community. If you have any story ideas for Gasline please email Daniel.