



The Beauty of Gas

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Welcome to Gasline, which is produced by Gas New Zealand.

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 use of this energy asset.

Introducing New LPGA Board Member David Whitfield

The LPG Association has a new board member – David Whitfield from Genesis Energy.

Mr Whitfield is the Technical Services Leader at Genesis and is based in Hamilton.

He says Genesis currently is a significant energy retailer supplying electricity, natural gas and LPG to more than 670,000 customers across the country.

Mr Whitfield joined the LPGA as a board member in December.

"The key thing for me, representing Genesis Energy, is that I want to look at ways of trying to improve the level of interaction with the rest of the industry and align it with the natural gas and electricity sectors," says Mr Whitfield.

"I want to drive a positive customer focus and work on creating a positive customer culture."

Mr Whitfield has been with Genesis for around 8 years and before that was with British Gas.



David Whitfield | Technical Services Leader
Genesis Energy

NZ one of the few remaining oil and gas frontiers in the world

TAG Oil says New Zealand is recognised as one of the few remaining potential, untapped oil and gas frontiers in the world.

TAG Oil says most of the exploration attention in New Zealand has been focused around the Taranaki Basin, which has attracted the world's most prominent international explorers.

"With fewer than 200 wildcats drilled since 1955, this prolific basin is still in its infancy and major discovery potential remains," says the TAG Oil website.

"With reported proven oil reserves of 528 million barrels and proven gas reserves of 6.9 trillion cubic feet discovered, TAG is firmly positioned with its fertile hunting grounds in Taranaki."

The company says New Zealand has multiple basins with multiple opportunities.

"The East Coast Basin exhibits dramatic oil and gas seeps and the Canterbury Basin has massive promise as one of the few remaining oil and gas frontiers left in the world. With easy access to Christchurch, an untapped natural gas market, this is an important long-term holding for TAG's exploration portfolio."

TAG Oil says New Zealand is an economically developed country where TAG oil can continue to explore, develop and produce for years to come, enjoying the benefits of an international oil and gas portfolio without the political and economic disadvantages associated with many other parts of the world.



Gas Industry Qualifications Review - Consultation

MITO has been working with a group of industry experts to develop a suite of qualifications that will meet your future workforce development needs. Six qualifications are proposed and these will replace current National Certificates.

MITO would like your feedback on these proposed qualifications. For further information, to view the consultation material and to fill out an online survey, please visit www.mito.org.nz/extractive/gas.

Consultation closes on 2 March 2014, and your response will be kept entirely confidential.

Please contact Janine Staunton at Janine.staunton@mito.org.nz if you have any questions.

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Multi-Million dollar smart meters deal announced between British Gas and Landis+Gyr

A landmark deal between British Gas and Landis+Gyr means Landis+Gyr will supply the majority of 16 million smart metres British Gas will install in its customers' homes.

By 2020 smart meters will be rolled out as standard to homes and businesses across Britain as part of a Government initiative. They will replace current gas and electricity meters.

The smart meters will show how much gas and electricity is being used as customers are using it and the cost in pounds and pence. They are also tipped to save customers around 5% a year, which would be about 65 pound for the average household.

The deal is worth 600 million pounds and Landis+Gyr expects to double its 600 strong UK workforce and extend its manufacturing facilities as a result.

"We have been working with British Gas for the last three years to develop smart meters for its customers. This is the largest deal of its kind worldwide and sets a new standard for working in partnership," says Andreas Umbach, CEO, Landis+Gyr.

British Gas has already announced more than 1,000 roles for Smart Energy Experts who will install the smart meters and provide energy efficiency advice and will take on another 500 Smart Energy Experts in 2014.

"Smart meters herald a new era for energy customers, bringing a transformation in the way they can manage energy use in their homes and businesses," says Chris Weston, Managing Director of British Gas.

British Gas says it has adopted a strategy to introduce smart meters into homes and businesses early in order to bring these benefits to customers as soon as possible, and currently leads the industry with more than a million meters already installed in customers' homes and businesses.

Rivercity Gas - a new member for the LPGA

Rivercity Gas in Wanganui has recently joined the LPGA as a retailer.

Director Graham Hardie, a certified gasfitter and drainlayer and plumber originally from Scotland, set up Rivercity Gas in Wanganui in 1997, after previously working for a local business for ten years.

"We are specialists in Natural Gas and LPG installations and servicing," says Mr Hardie. "We are the one stop shop within the greater Wanganui region and we cover all domestic, commercial and industrial applications."

At the end of 2013 Mr Hardie decided to join the LPGA as a retailer.

"I believe it is beneficial to be part of LPGA as it is a professional association which is proactive in the gas industry," says Graham.

"Rivercity Gas would like to grow its profile and benefit from the in depth knowledge available by being part of the LPGA. In the past 18 months the business has ventured into the supply and sale of LPG and subsequently has increased its customer base."

Mr Hardie says Rivercity Gas would like to continue to grow in the LPG retailing sector alongside the work it currently does in Natural Gas.

Graham is a sitting member of the Plumbers Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board, in his second term which concludes in September 2015.

"My aim is to be more involved in the gas industry as a whole. Being part of the LPGA means both I and Rivercity Gas can share more knowledge with consumers and practitioners in the future."



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