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Westernport Water Completes an Open Spatial GIS Implementation

AUSTRALIA, Sydney, July 22, 2009— Westernport Water and Open Spatial Australia today announced the completion of a six (6) month project that automates the geographic management of critical asset information. Westernport Water provides water, wastewater and gas services economically, with environmental and social awareness to properties and communities throughout its district. The Corporation services approximately 15,600 properties and a population that rises to 70,000 in holiday periods on Phillip Island and an area of the mainland from The Gurdies to Archies Creek in the state of Victoria.

An exhaustive internal analysis showed the critical need for the better management of the Asset Management Value Chain. The Value Chain usually starts with the private development of infrastructure assets and ends with Westernport Water's engineering team to ensure its ongoing maintenance and up-keep. Everything in-between is the function of managing the information about these assets, while utilising best practice business rules that can deliver efficiencies needed by a regional Utility.

Westernport Water identified that their Computer Aided Design (CAD) and Geographical Information System (GIS) were the upstream applications that had to address these specific needs. These systems use geographical maps as their main user interface and rely on integration with other business systems to deliver real information to office and field staff.

Westernport Water's product research showed that most GIS vendors delivered the expected mapping and geographic analysis capabilities, however they chose the Open Spatial Solution because it focused on using the capabilities of GIS to deliver an Asset Decision Support System. Decision Support that is needed by Customer Service staff to provide information about their water and wastewater infrastructure to their customers and similarly required by Field Teams that are responsible for the up-keep of this infrastructure.

Westernport Water Managing Director Murray Jackson commented, *"It is important that we manage our infrastructure assets economically and efficiently. Ensuring that our staff have access to accurate information quickly and more conveniently will deliver better services to our customers and allow us to better manage our assets within our means."*

Open Spatial Australia is an Australian Company building Geospatial Solutions that meet the needs of Australian Utilities. The Open Spatial Utility Solution is the fastest growing solution to Australian Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Asset Managers. The technology underlying the Open Spatial Solution is mainstream and totally risk averse. As the name indicates Open Industry Standards and Engineering Best Practices governing the management of Geospatial Asset data is at the core of its Solution.

Open Spatial Australia Managing Director Anthony Jahshan commented, *"We are delighted that our Utility Solution comprising Munsys and Enlighten is meeting the needs of our customers. The swift implementation into production of our solutions at Westernport Water is testimony to our ability to provide a faster return on investment."*

The Open Spatial Utility Solution is fast becoming a de-facto standard across Victorian Water Utilities. Its widespread adoption provides cross-pollination of Best Practices and Industry wide investment in solutions that ought to be the same for these similar businesses. *"Continuing to focus on local needs has global appeal making our solutions and our consultants highly sought after on the world stage."* added Jahshan.

The key factors in the selection process were the capability of the vendor, the ease of use of the system, intimate integration with business systems and affordability. Christopher Buck, Assets Maintenance Planner commented, *“Open Spatial Australia have impressed us in every facet of this implementation, our staff are totally switched on to the benefits of this solution and are keen to start delivering these benefits to the business and our customers”*.

About Open Spatial

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