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MEDIA RELEASE – EPIC ENERGY HOLDINGS PTY LTD

**Queensland Minister approves removal of regulation
on Epic's South West Queensland Pipeline (SWQP)**

Epic Energy Holdings Pty Ltd (Epic), which owns and operates the SWQP, has welcomed the decision of the Queensland Minister for Energy, the Hon. Geoff Wilson MP, to remove regulation of the SWQP under the National Gas Regime.

Epic Managing Director, Mr Steve Banning, said the decision means the SWQP is no longer covered under the Gas Regime, and cannot be subject to regulation for at least 12 months. The decision by the Queensland Government to uncover the SWQP was made in exchange for relinquishing the previous tariff derogations that applied to the SWQP.

Mr Banning said further that being unregulated means that, in the short term, Epic can avoid the costs associated with going through a regulatory process of setting and then having the regulator approve upfront tariffs. It also means that Epic can avoid the compliance costs associated with being regulated under the Gas Regime.

Mr Banning noted that the decision is not likely to have any revenue impact on Epic, as the SWQP is currently fully contracted until 2013. Following this decision, all three of the pipelines that Epic owns (SWQP, Moomba to Adelaide and the Pilbara Pipeline System) are now uncovered under the Gas Regime.

A copy of the Queensland Government's Transitional Provisions Policy Paper that explains the new arrangement can be accessed from the Queensland Government's website.

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