



ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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APA Group (ASX: APA)
(also for release to APT Pipelines Limited (ASX: AQH))

APA REACHES 50% AGGREGATE INTEREST AND NOTICE OF INTENTION TO GIVE CONFIRMATION LETTER

APA Group (ASX: APA) today announced that the total percentage of HDF securities in which APA either has a relevant interest or which are the subject of acceptance instructions is greater than 50%.

At 7.45 am on 5 October 2012 the aggregate of HDF securities accepted into APA's institutional acceptance facility ("IAF"), and APA's relevant interest give APA an aggregate interest of 50.41% in HDF securities.¹

	Number of HDF stapled securities	Percentage of HDF's existing issued securities
Relevant interest	149,734,309	28.25%
IAF	117,435,213	22.16%
Total	267,169,522	50.41%

Notice of intention to give Confirmation Letter

As stated in APA's announcement of 6 September 2012, notice is given to HDF securityholders who are able to use APA's institutional acceptance facility that APA intends to give its Confirmation Letter to the collection agent of the institutional acceptance facility ("Collection Agent") at 9.00 am (Sydney time) (or soon thereafter) on 8 October 2012.

However, APA will only give the Confirmation Letter if at the time the Confirmation Letter is to be received by the Collection Agent the total percentage of HDF securities in which APA either has a relevant interest or which are the subject of acceptance instructions in the IAF is more than 50%.

¹ HDF securities which are the subject of the institutional acceptance facility do not currently constitute formal acceptances of the Offer.

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About APA Group (APA)

APA is Australia's largest natural gas infrastructure business, owning and/or operating more than \$8 billion of gas transmission and distribution assets. Its pipelines and assets span every state and territory on mainland Australia, delivering 50% of the nation's gas usage. Unique amongst its peers, APA has direct management and operational control over its assets and the majority of its investments. APA also holds minority interests in energy infrastructure enterprises including Envestra, SEA Gas Pipeline, Hastings Diversified Utilities Fund and Energy Infrastructure Investments.

APT Pipelines Limited is a fully owned subsidiary of Australian Pipeline Trust and is the borrowing entity of APA Group.

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