

Media Release



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NBN Co signs contract to connect flats and units to the NBN

ISGM to connect units in the Northern Territory and Queensland

NBN Co has signed a contract worth up to \$17.9 million with ISG Management Pty Ltd (ISGM) to undertake the detailed work of connecting flats and units to the National Broadband Network in the Northern Territory and Queensland.

ISGM specialises in managing contractor workforces across a range of sectors, including design, construction, installation, maintenance and logistics. Under the contract, ISGM will provide project development services, including notifications to residents and owners' corporations, survey, design and construction services. ISGM has previously provided MDU design and construction services for NBN Co in First Release sites.

The contract has a term of one year with the opportunity to agree a one-year extension. This follows recent announcements that Downer EDI Engineering Pty Ltd has been signed to connect multi-dwelling units (MDUs) in NSW, Victoria and the ACT; Universal Communications Group Limited in Tasmania and Sydney; and Daly International Pty Ltd in WA, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

NBN Co Chief Operations Officer Ralph Steffens said: "We're pleased to have signed another partner to assist in the proactive approach we are taking to the rollout to apartments in terms of engagement with residents and the construction task."

The job of contacting owners' corporations is being made easier by an agreement reached with Strata Community Australia (SCA) which is helping NBN Co obtain relevant contact details. Representing over 2500 companies and individuals, SCA has set up a site allowing members and non-members to register for each building scheduled for installation via a secure online site.

The National Broadband Network aims to deliver fast, affordable and reliable broadband to every Australian by 2021.

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Notes to Editors

- The design and construction services cover the rollout of fibre, typically from the local network in the street to the outside of each individual unit in brownfield areas.

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- Residents will need to order a service from their service provider to trigger the installation of the network terminating device inside their unit.
- The Government's objective is for NBN Co to rollout fibre optic broadband, designed to offer its Retail Service Provider customers wholesale download speeds of up to 100 megabits per second*, to 93 per cent of Australian premises by June 2021, with a minimum fibre obligation of 90 per cent of Australian premises.
- The remaining premises are expected to receive high-speed broadband via fixed-wireless or satellite, with the rollout of both services expected to be complete by 2015.
- NBN Co is a wholesale company, and those wishing to switch their phone and internet to services provided over the National Broadband Network need to speak to their telephone or internet service provider. These are listed at www.nbnco.com.au/serviceproviders
- For more information visit www.nbnco.com.au

*NBN Co is designing the NBN to be capable of delivering these speeds to NBN Co's wholesale customers (telephone and internet service providers). Speeds actually achieved by retail customers (end users) will depend on a number of factors including the quality of their equipment and in-premises connection, the broadband plans offered by their service provider and how their service provider designs its network to cater for multiple end users