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Status Update Notice

Following the restoration of bands 4, 5 and 6 demand levels in the affected areas have steadily increased to a value that has now materially exceeded the maximum availability from the Vector Mahoenui Compressor Station. As a result line pack in the Vector pipeline north of the compressor station is now significantly supplementing demand delivery. It is expected that line pack from the MDL pipeline will also be required today to supplement expected demand levels. No further restoration of demand is now expected to take place prior to the MDL pipeline being repaired and returned to normal service. System pressures and flows will continue to be closely monitored to ensure long term security of supply is ensured. All consumers are still urged to use gas sparingly under all circumstances.

Vector has now installed a new section of pipeline to replace the failed section. Welds are currently being tested for integrity. If tests are successful the sequence of operations to restore the MDL and Vector pipelines to normal operating configuration and service will commence. Vector still expect the pipeline to be restored to service during Sunday 30 October 2011. [note: Vector is referred to here as the Technical Operator for VGT and MDL]

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1. Event causing potential or actual Critical Contingency

A material gas escape has been detected close to the Maui pipeline. The escape is located at the start of the White Cliffs Walkway near to the end of Pukeruahe Road in North Taranaki. Vector (acting as MDL Technical Operator) has now closed the Pukeruahe Main Line Valve on the Maui pipeline in preparation to make the site of the gas escape safe to facilitate further investigation. The MDL pipeline to the north of Mokau Compressor Station is now isolated from production supplies in Taranaki.

2. Time/Date Critical Contingency declared

01:25 25/10/11
Sent by the Critical Contingency Operator

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