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SP AusNet Successfully Refinances A\$1.55bn

SP AusNet is pleased to announce the successful refinancing of A\$1.55bn through a syndicated bank debt facility. The facility refinances an A\$850m bridge facility which was due to mature in late July 2008, together with A\$600m of existing syndicated bank debt. The facility also provides A\$100m of undrawn but committed spare capacity. In addition, SP AusNet has access to committed but undrawn bank debt facilities of A\$270m.

Managing Director, Mr Nino Ficca, said, "The successful refinancing of this facility, in a time of very tight debt markets, demonstrates the strength of SP AusNet's investment grade credit rating and experience in managing the capital requirements of our business."

"The refinancing represents a continuation of SP AusNet's prudent strategy of having a well diversified maturity profile together with well diversified sources of debt. We are also pleased that the refinancing of the bridge has been achieved well in advance of its maturity and at competitive rates," Mr Ficca said.

Terms of the Facility

The A\$1.55bn facility comprises two facilities of equal amounts with maturities in March 2011 and March 2013:

	Amount	Maturity
Facility 1	A\$775m	Mar 2011
Facility 2	<u>A\$775m</u>	Mar 2013
Total	A\$1.55bn	

The competitive credit margins on these facilities, at BBSW plus approximately 40 basis points for Facility 1 and approximately 50 basis points for Facility 2, are in line with the cost of debt on existing facilities. Therefore, the interest costs underlying the forecasts provided in the Explanatory Memorandum for the existing SP AusNet business remain applicable.

Debt 95% Hedged

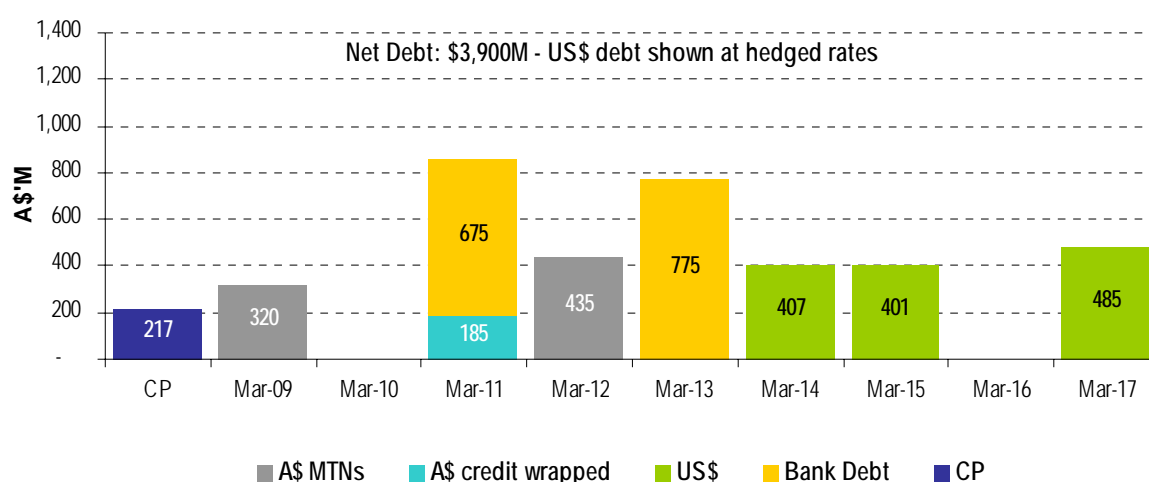
Approximately 95% of SP AusNet's debt is hedged against interest rates, in line with the regulatory periods for each of the regulated businesses. The objective of the hedging activities is to minimise the exposure to changes in interest rates by matching the cost of debt for each business with that assumed by the regulator when setting the rate of return for the respective businesses. As such, SP AusNet has minimal exposure to interest rate risk.

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Diversified Debt Portfolio

SP AusNet maintains a well diversified debt maturity profile together with well diversified sources of debt. This, together with a strong investment grade credit rating, allows SP AusNet ready access to debt markets both in Australia and offshore. SP AusNet is therefore, not reliant on any one capital market or any one source of debt.

Debt Portfolio (as at February 2008)



It is important to note that credit wrapped bonds represent only \$185M of funding or less than 5% of SP AusNet's debt portfolio. No SP AusNet Group Company has issued credit wrapped bonds since 2000. SP AusNet has been an active issuer of its own bonds in both Australia and offshore capital markets.

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