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Greetings from Strasbourg,

For the month of **June 2018** we anticipate having the quantities of gas set out below available for sale. You are invited to submit your offer, before **close of business** (Perth Time) on **Friday the 25th of May**, if you wish to purchase all or part of this gas, quoting the volume of gas that you wish to purchase and the price at which you are prepared to complete the purchase. We will advise successful buyers by **midday** (Perth Time) on **Monday the 28th of May** and complete contracts from the **28th** to the **31st of May**.

Market Dynamics

As at the 15th of **May** we are on track to trade 118 TJ of gas (On Market) for the month of **May**. This volume is a little higher than both the final volumes traded in **April** (105 TJ) and the anticipated **May** sales volume of 102 TJ. The lower trading volumes seen since March 2018 reflect the contraction of the spot market as gas sellers cut price, and offer greater off take flexibility, to consolidate market share. Aggressive marketing of firm gas at competitively prices, with increased flexibility offtake obligations in firm gas contracts, has seen a number of buyers leave the spot market (at least temporarily) since the end of February 2017. That market contraction stabilised in recent months. There have been minimal Off Market spot sales in **May**. Agora Gas is the only seller active in the market in **May**.

We do not expect the slide in sales volumes we observed since **February** to turn around until Sellers satiate their hunger for market share or until Buyers place value in the transparency, and the absence of take or pay obligations, in the spot market. The period since the end of 2017 has marked a very dynamic phase for the market. As a result of this dynamism we are unable to be confident in predicting how the market might behave in the next few months but the cessation of the market contraction in April and May is informative. While the lower limit on the size of near term spot sales is unknown the upper upside for traded volumes is limited only by demand. There may be some further softening in spot price but we do not anticipate that the price at which gas is supplied to the market will soften too much further. There are no gas production maintenance driven supply side disturbances anticipated in **June**.

The offer price range in **May** was \$0.16 per GJ, from \$3.50 to \$3.66 per GJ. The recent price stability and the narrow bid range reflect the fact that the softening in the spot gas price has slowed to a crawl and the Back Up Gas Price and traded volumes are stable. The Back Up Gas Price did not come into play in **May**. No contract was written in **May** below \$3.50 per GJ (a very small sale). The **May** Back Up Gas Price remained at \$3.65 per GJ.

The currently anticipated average **May** On Market price is \$3.63 per GJ (as at the 15th of **May**). This average is down slightly on the \$3.65 per GJ average **April** price and is the **May** average price anticipated when the market was set at the start of the month (\$3.63 per GJ).

The buyers remaining in the market continue to use the gasTrading Spot Market for everyday gas supply planning and for take or pay risk management. Recent shifts in the terms of firm gas supply contracts have impacted on the level of activity in the spot market. The availability of more flexible firm contract terms are proof that the desire for market share, rather than certainty of sales volumes and price, is driving sellers of firm gas in the current market. The average spot market price may fall a little further but we anticipate that it does not have much more to give up. Where the market moves later in 2018 is an unknown at this time. The decline in the Back Up Gas Price since January confirms the softening of the market but no material reduction in the Back Up Gas Price is expected in **June**. We will publish the Back Up Gas Price for **June** with the Bidding Round Results Summary.

The table below summarises Agora Gas' On Market and Off Market spot gas sales since **May 2017**.

	On Market	Off Market	Total	
Month	(TJ)	(TJ)	(TJ)	Comment
May-17	173.800	0.000	173.800	
Jun-17	237.450	0.000	237.450	
Jul-17	214.600	0.000	214.600	
Aug-17	213.800	0.000	213.800	
Sep-17	174.800	0.000	174.800	
Oct-17	240.900	0.000	240.900	
Nov-17	322.902	0.000	322.902	
Dec-17	372.300	2.000	374.300	
Jan-18	168.700	1.000	169.700	
Feb-18	192.755	1.000	193.755	
Mar-18	110.700	1.800	112.500	
Apr-18	105.000	1.500	106.500	
May-18	59.400	2.100	61.500	:to 15 May

Agora Gas continues to seek out the most attractive sources of Back Up Gas to ensure the market remains liquid and competitively priced and will return to the market in June. Agora Gas is currently expected to be the only market seller in **June**.

We will publish the summary results of the **June 2018 Bidding Round** on or before the **1st of June** on the web site link below.

Market Update

The results of the **May 2018 Bidding Round**, and the gasTrading Spot Market history to **April 2018**, can be found at <http://www.gastrading.com.au/spot-market/historical-prices-and-volume>

We have continued strong supply side support for the market. This support is currently looking for Buyer offer prices at and around \$3.65 per GJ. To understand buyer bidding behaviour it may be helpful to note that gas is allocated first to the top of the bid stack and available supplies are allocated in a cascade down the bid stack.

At this time the indicated volumes available for **June 2018** are down on the volumes offered in the **May** Invitation. Given that this gas will be procured for the market by Agora Gas' Off Market purchases, these volumes are very price sensitive and will increase or decrease in response to offers received from buyers. Additional gas volumes can be brought into the market above those quoted in the table but these are price sensitive.

In **May**, to the 15th, 100% of daily contract volumes were filled in all price quartiles of the market.

Gas Available June 2018	
Date	Quantity TJ
1/06/2018	5.00
2/06/2018	5.00
3/06/2018	5.00
4/06/2018	5.00
5/06/2018	5.00
6/06/2018	5.00
7/06/2018	5.00
8/06/2018	5.00
9/06/2018	5.00
10/06/2018	5.00
11/06/2018	5.00
12/06/2018	5.00
13/06/2018	5.00
14/06/2018	5.00
15/06/2018	5.00
16/06/2018	5.00
17/06/2018	5.00
18/06/2018	5.00
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21/06/2018	5.00
22/06/2018	5.00
23/06/2018	5.00
24/06/2018	5.00
25/06/2018	5.00
26/06/2018	5.00
27/06/2018	5.00
28/06/2018	5.00
29/06/2018	5.00
30/06/2018	5.00
NA	

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Regards
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