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IPLEX PLANT'S EXPANSION TO DELIVER 10 NEW JOBS FOR ALBURY

Minister for Regional Development, Phil Costa today officially opened Iplex Pipelines' \$8 million Albury plant that will create 10 new local jobs.

"The investment by Iplex in a large bore pipe extrusion plant will boost the company's workforce from 35 people to 45," Mr Costa said.

"That's 10 new pay-packets for Albury and the local economy.

"The company occupies a 10 hectare site in Albury, where it manufactures piping used in water-based projects.

"As demand grows, the company anticipates that the plant has the capacity to almost double the current output and number of jobs.

"The plant has been largely designed to target Australian water projects, as well to produce large diameter pipes for export to New Zealand.

"The Government welcomes business expansion that creates jobs and benefits local economies in regional NSW.

"I congratulate Iplex on successfully expanding their operations and recently completing a major project to supply 7,500 km of pipe for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project," Mr Costa added.

Mr William Wood, Executive General Manager of Iplex Pipelines said the new plant will help the company to continue to meet its customers' needs.

"At Iplex, we take great pride in our 'can do' attitude. This new plant will help us to deliver on key projects. We've been able to create 10 new jobs and we're looking forward to expanding our business further," said Mr Wood.

"Our recent output of plastic pipelines for the Wimmera Mallee Pipeline Project assisted contractor Mitchell Water to complete the project two years ahead of schedule," he said.

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