

Success for Coe Drilling

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This project, for Telstra Corporation, included the shore crossing and landing facilities at Inverloch, Victoria and Stanley, Tasmania. BS 2 was a duplication of the earlier BS 1 cable, ensuring the security of telecommunications services between Tasmania and the mainland. Advantage was taken of significant advances in submarine cable installation with percent of the BS 2 cable buried deeper than 1.5 m below the seabed and greater than percent buried deeper than 1.2 m.

This result was achieved by the Alcatel operated cable ship Ile de Batz



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The CoeDrill 90 was used at Stanley, Tasmania.

with its heavy-duty rock plough and jetting attachment.

Coe was contracted in late January to design and construct the two crossings which included the world's longest shore crossing for an optical fibre installation at Inverloch. The Victorian crossing included the installation of a 5 in. O.D. steel casing 2,035 m in length whilst in Tasmania the installed length was 450 m. Both crossings were drilled in rock.

At Inverloch the CoeDrill 180 was used whilst at Stanley the CoeDrill 90 was used, both crossings were carried out simultaneously.

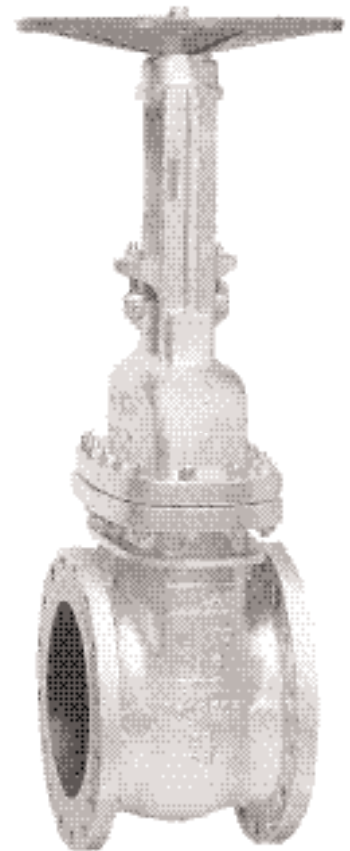
Coe has recently mobilized the CoeDrill 550 to Kilcunda to commence works on the Bass Gas Project for Clough Engineering Limited. The works include the installation of a DN 350 API 5L X65 shore-crossing pipeline 1,477 m in length.

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