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Energy Merger - The Services Union Responds.

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The Services Union which represents thousands of Energy workers across Queensland welcomes the announcement by Treasurer the Hon. Curtis Pitt MP regarding the merger of Energex, Ergon and Sparq Solutions.

The Union congratulates the Government on the decision to form a new Energy services business which will be tasked with developing new products and services to households, businesses and communities.

Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said the formation of the energy services business in Townsville has the potential to create 500 new jobs.

"This is a significant contribution to the development of regional employment which is so important for Queensland and which of course has a positive economic flow on effect for the whole community," Mr Henderson said.

"Our Union has worked extensively with the Government and other Energy Industry Unions in regard to the merger to ensure the job security of our members.

"This has been reflected in the announcement today."

"Whilst there may be some structural changes and government are anticipating a loss of 366 jobs by 2020, existing employees have the benefit of no forced redundancies as a result of the successful Enterprise Bargaining (EA) campaigning earlier this year."

The Services Union will continue to work with the Government to ensure a smooth implementation phase of the merger and to minimise impacts on employees.

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