

Pipeline security

Amidst attacks and damage, pipeline security technology is coming increasingly to the fore and Australian company Future Fibre Technologies (FFT), a specialist in fibre optic intrusion detection, said recently that it had signed a contract for an undisclosed value to protect 500km of buried pipeline in Iraq – its first in the country. Victoria-based FFT says that it will be working with in-country agent, AYA International (AYA) and will be using ZTE Corp (ZTE) as the prime contractor for pipeline security and communications, to deliver the project. FFT says that its simple and easy to use operator interface, its ability to operate in harsh environments, flexible design and local technical support via AYA all contribute to a beneficial overall solution. "With its expanding economy, there are growing trade and business opportunities in Iraq and we are very proud that a Victorian company is adding value to the future growth and development of the country," said John Butler, Victoria's commissioner to the Middle East and North Africa in a statement.