

## **Flinders Ports Capital Works Programme**

Status report as 28th October 2003

### ***Port Adelaide- New Grain Wharf and associated dredging project***

- All applications for licences and approvals have been submitted and it is expected all will be in place by the first week of November 2003.
- Request for Tenders for dredging work closed on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Tenders are currently under review. The contract will be awarded in December.
- Dredging mobilization to commence early 2004. Dredging work will be done by grab or backhoe dredges to minimise the breakdown of the clay material, which occurs with other dredging methods such as a cutter suction dredge.
- Request for Tenders for dredged spoil disposal site earthworks and other civil works closed today. Tenders are currently under review. The contract will be awarded in December.
- Request for Tenders for grain wharf construction to be issued in November. Construction work to start in mid 2004 after partial completion of dredging work.
- All construction due to be completed in August 2005.
- Selection of the successful environmental consultant and contract award for the Outer Channel (dredging to 14 metres) Environmental assessment work has been completed. The Development Application under Section 49 of the Development Act will be made in March/April next year. Geotechnical, biological and other specialist studies will commence over the next two or three weeks.

### ***Wallaroo grain wharf upgrade- construction of ten new "Panamax capable" Dolphins***

- All pile driving and removal of underwater obstructions now completed.
- Socketing activities (drilling and concreting the driven piles into bedrock) now complete for eight of the ten dolphins and the ninth is well advanced.
- The concrete caps for four dolphins are completed with a further two dolphins to be completed within the next week.
- Once each pile cap is complete the fenders and bollards will be installed progressively and the timber deck reinstated around each dolphin. Based on current indications and progress over the last 2 to 3 weeks the previously advised reopening date for the berth of mid December is on track to be met.  
We will continue to update all parties concerned and can confirm that the contractors are pulling out all stops to have the work completed as soon as possible.

### ***Port Giles Upgrade of Fenders, and Dredging of berth box and channel***

- Due to ongoing delay in the availability of the crane barge from the Wallaroo project as well as a delay in the delivery of new fenders from Bridgestone in Japan, the six-week outage for fender pile removal and fender replacement originally planned from 22 September to 5 November is being rescheduled. It is currently intended that the option being investigated below, which does not require the berth to be taken out of service, will be adopted.
- The option involves carrying out the fender replacement work in a staged manner on 3 dolphins at a time such that it does not prevent shipping using the port. This option will require close co-operation from all parties involved in the process of grain movements through the Port, to ensure all possible information regarding likely vessel calls, size of vessels, and cargo to be loaded is advised at the earliest possible time.
- The civil works contractor has commenced construction of the reclamation pond sea wall and is making good progress on the work. He is current on schedule to complete in February.
- The dredging contract with a Queensland based Company has now been executed with a start date on site in March 2004. The dredging is scheduled to take place over the winter, as this is the most suitable time for dredging at Port Giles.