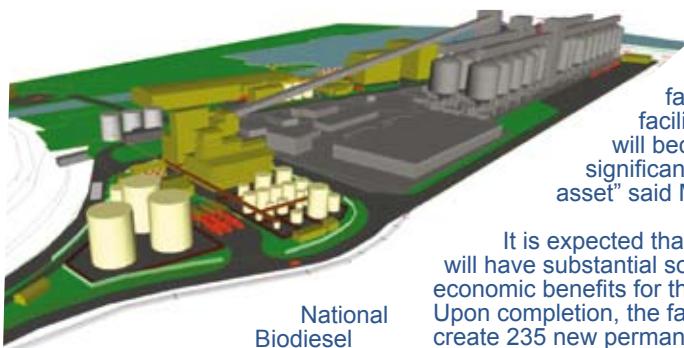


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BIODIESEL FACILITY A SIGNIFICANT REGIONAL ASSET



create the new biodiesel facility, a facility which will become a significant regional asset" said Mr Whitlam.

National Biodiesel Pty Ltd, a privately owned Australian company has recently gained development approval to establish a Biodiesel production facility at Port Kembla.

Valued at \$243 million, the facility will be the first integrated soybean processing and biodiesel production facility to be constructed in Australia. It will process imported soybeans to produce biodiesel, soybean meal and pharmaceutical grade glycerine (a by product).

Port Kembla Port Corporation's Chairman Nicholas Whitlam said that the construction of a new biodiesel facility at Port Kembla's Inner Harbour will provide a major boost to not only the port, but the region as a whole.

"This development will utilise land in the Port's Inner Harbour to

It is expected that the project will have substantial social and economic benefits for the region. Upon completion, the facility will create 235 new permanent full-time jobs, and approximately 725 jobs in related industries. A further 500 jobs are expected to be created during construction of the facility.

"As well as providing significant employment opportunities - the facility will generate demand for locally produced oilseeds which will contribute to rural economic growth in the domestic market".

The National Biodiesel plant will produce 288 million litres of biodiesel a year, along with 850,000 tonnes of soy bean meal, a key stock feed ingredient for the poultry, pork, dairy, beef and aquaculture industries.

PKPC CEO Dom Figliomeni said that upgrade works are to be carried out on Berth 104 and on a number of the silos located on the Grain Terminal site to facilitate this project.

COAL TERMINAL PROJECT LEADS TO WATER SAVINGS

Minister for Water, Phillip Costa, recently visited Port Kembla to officially turn the tap on to recycled water at the Coal Terminal.

The Port Kembla Coal Terminal previously used large quantities of drinking water for environmental management and dust suppression activities, around 1 million litres a day, and was ranked in the Top 20 largest water users in the Sydney metropolitan area.

The Coal Terminal is now receiving high quality recycled water from Sydney Water's adjacent Wollongong Sewage Treatment Plant under a 22 year supply agreement.

"The water saving of around 1 million litres of drinking water is

more than the entire suburb of Mangerton uses every day."

The Recycled Water project included the retrofit of the Coal Terminal's existing water system, installation of new plant and equipment, pump-house upgrade and site pressure reduction. The project was implemented on time and on budget and will result in a huge saving of drinking water of 360 million litres every year.

General Manager of the Coal Terminal Peter Green said "environmental management is critical to our success and as the first site to use tertiary treated effluent recycled water for dust suppression, it's a momentous occasion."

"We will continue to manage dust effectively but we are now using recycled water to do so. We are very proud to turn the tap on for significant drinking water savings to the Illawarra community" Mr Green said.



PORT GROWTH CONTINUES TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES

Construction of facilities at Port Kembla's Inner Harbour, for the preparation and inspection of motor vehicles prior to dealer delivery, is underway and progressing well.

With the official relocation of NSW's motor vehicle trade to Port Kembla occurring in November last year, the resulting growth of the port continues to provide significant opportunities for both the port and the region.

Landside development is currently taking place to provide approximately 10 hectares for Pre Delivery Inspection (PDI) facilities where imported vehicles will be prepared prior to delivery to motor dealerships.

The development, being undertaken by Australand, will involve the laying of asphalt and concrete paving totalling almost 100,000m² in area, construction of offices and workshop facilities and the provision and installation of all necessary services and facilities to the site.

Minister for Ports Joe Tripodi visited the port recently and along

with Wollongong MP Noreen Hay, toured the construction site.

"We are really starting to see the benefits that the relocation of trade has brought to the region" Wollongong MP Noreen Hay said.

This project is currently creating construction jobs and future employment opportunities. "There are currently 45 workers on site and at the peak of construction it is anticipated that this number will be in excess of 100".

There is currently one PDI facility operating in the port. With the completion of this construction project, two further PDI operators, Ceva Logistics (for Mazda) and AutoNexus will commence operations.

"With the commencement of operations, it is expected that these two organisations will also employ an estimated 25 personnel each".

Project completion is anticipated in August 2008.



ATTENTION TURNS TO THE OUTER HARBOUR

It was recently revealed that the Capital Works Program expenditure for Port Kembla for the 2009/2010 financial year totals \$15.705m - with approximately \$12m intended toward the Outer Harbour expansion.

Approved in 2008, the Master Plan for development of Port Kembla's Outer Harbour sets out the proposed development over various stages. In order to get the project underway, the Capital Works Program includes Stage 1A works which involves 8-10 hectares of land reclamation.

Also allowed for in the program is the provision of a new tug facility. As part of this Outer Harbour development, a new permanent location for the tug fleet has been considered. The proposed facility will provide for all weather tug mooring facilities.

Relocating various port services to oversee this development, \$500,000 has been allocated for the completion of the "Maritime Centre". The facility will become a unique 'one-stop' maritime services facility. Employees of Port Kembla Port Corporation and NSW Maritime will be joined by other tenants including NSW Water Police and the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services.

With the completion of the Inner Harbour project and resulting increase in port activity, \$840,000 has been set aside for the purchase of a new pilot cutter vessel to ensure safe and efficient pilot transfers in the port.



YOUR FEEDBACK

We would welcome your feedback about initiatives and activities around the port that you would like covered in 'Your Port'.

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