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WORLEYPARSONS SELECTED AS DESIGN CONSULTANT FOR PORT BOTANY'S SECOND BULK LIQUIDS BERTH

Sydney Ports Corporation CEO, Grant Gilfillan, announced today that WorleyParsons Services had been selected as the design consultant for the Second Bulk Liquids Berth at Port Botany project.

"Sydney Ports Corporation and the NSW Government recognise the significance of the bulk liquids trade and the existing Bulk Liquids Berth facility to our key stakeholders operating bulk liquid storage terminals on port land," Mr Gilfillan said.

"We also recognise the dependency of the broader NSW economy on this facility while also ensuring that NSW has adequate berth capacity to satisfy future demands for the import and export of bulk liquids.

"The existing facility is the only one of its kind in NSW and the construction of a second berth at Port Botany is a key strategy in securing the state's energy supply.

"The Second Bulk Liquids Berth worth approximately \$75 million will further expand our capacity to handle the future growth of trade in chemical, LPG and refined fuel imports and exports.

"Appointing WorleyParsons as the design and technical advisor is a significant milestone in the development of the Second Bulk Liquids Berth," Mr Gilfillan said.

Mr Gilfillan said the new berth, which will be designed to accommodate vessels up to 90,000 DWT and 270m in length, includes state of the art fire fighting equipment, onshore support facilities and security monitoring systems.

"The design of the Second Bulk Liquids Berth will allow the two berths to operate independently of each other," Mr Gilfillan said.

"WorleyParsons has the proven ability in delivering technically outstanding, cost effective solutions to some of the most challenging projects in the world.

"Their experience will ensure an effective and efficient design, encompassing ongoing maintenance and durability requirements to achieve the required 50 year design life of the new berth. Their design will also ensure minimum disruption to shipping and existing operations at the existing Bulk Liquids Berth during the construction period.

"Following from last month's NSW Budget announcement, the project has been allocated \$14.863 million for 2009/10 to allow Sydney Ports to commence construction in the next twelve months," Mr Gilfillan said.

The detailed design program is expected to be completed by December 2009. A tender for construction is expected to be released by the end of 2009.

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