CONCRETE POUR FOR WATERFRONT

The concrete pour for the basement slab has started at the Darwin Convention Centre - a significant milestone for the project.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said the start of this work is another example of the benefits the development brings to local companies.

“The contracts for the concrete pour take the total value of work awarded to Territory businesses to $40 million,” Ms Martin said.

“All of the concrete work – reinforcing steel, concrete supply, pumping, laying and finishing - has been awarded to nine local companies.

“This means more work for Territorians and a multiplier effect to associated suppliers.

“We’ve always said the work generated from the Waterfront project will feed into the Northern Territory economy over the next 10 to 15 years.

“It’s really encouraging to see the economic benefits starting to come to fruition.

“The basement slab for the Darwin Convention Centre will cover an area of 8,600 square metres and will require more than 2,000 cubic metres of concrete.”

Local companies involved in the basement slab concrete work are All Earth Industries, Wagner, Groundforce Excavations, Smorgon Steel, Quick-Fix Steel Fixing, JA Concreting Pty Ltd, Dick’s Pumping Service, Humes and Vern Cridland.

The Sitzler Barclay Mowlem Joint Venture has worked closely with the NT Industry Capability Network on the 85% local content target at the Waterfront.

The Darwin Convention Centre will open in 2008.

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