Common User Area Open for Business

A new multi-user, multi-purpose assembly yard and lay down area has opened for business at East Arm to help ensure that Darwin continues to benefit from the growing Timor Sea oil and gas industry, mining and export industries.

Minister for Business, Economic and Regional Development, Kon Vatskalis, declared the new Darwin Common User Area facility open this afternoon before operators located within the Land Development Corporation.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to supporting business and improving opportunities for local industry to meet the growing demands of the resource industry,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“The Land Development Corporation will provide around $2.3 million in the coming financial year for access and services in the area.

“The Darwin Common User Area will provide access to a wide range of industries and companies and can be utilised for a range of activities including –

- Engineering, fabrication and assembly of a range of buildings, equipment and modules for the resource sector;
- Oil and gas support and services;
- Mining support and services; and
- Transport and logistics.

Mr Vatskalis said the Common User Area is the result of cooperative research between the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development (DBERD), the Land Development Corporation, the Manufacturers Council of the Chamber of Commerce NT, the Darwin Port Corporation and Industry.
“A pre-feasibility study funded by members of the Manufacturers Council and DBERD identified this site of approximately 20 hectares at East Arm, as the place to start,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“The area will be available from today, on a first come first served user pays basis for short term projects.”

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