$10.5m Johnston Headworks Underway

Headworks to deliver stage one of the Johnston housing development in Palmerston are set to begin later this month to support the release of land before the end of the year.

Infrastructure Minister Delia Lawrie today congratulated local company Mark Cundall Earthmoving Pty Ltd and TYCO Water Pty Ltd on being awarded the contracts to undertake headworks supporting more than 850 dwellings.

“The Territory’s population is growing at 2% - much of it in Palmerston – and Johnston will play a huge role in Palmerston’s continued growth,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Palmerston is one of the fastest growing areas in the nation and we are building the infrastructure to provide for the increasing population.

“The Northern Territory’s economy is withstanding the worst effects of the global recession on the back of strong population growth and resident employment.

“Headworks at Johnston follows earthworks commencing at Bellamack last week - building new suburbs in Palmerston will create hundreds of direct and indirect jobs with the economic benefits set to flow well into the future.

“The Mark Cundall Earthmoving contract is worth $10 million and will support up to 40 new jobs for Territorians and deliver the development of at least 850 new dwellings in Johnston.

“Work will include construction of the spine road, trunk sewer, watermains and underground electrical reticulation.

“The $489,000 TYCO Water Pty Ltd contract will supply watermains for the Johnston Subdivision Stage one headworks.

“15% of the new blocks in Johnston will be set aside for affordable and public housing as part of the Northern Territory Government’s housing affordability strategy.

“Housing lots in Johnston are expected to be released for sale off the plan from October 2009.”

Ms Lawrie said the Government last week submitted its development application to the Development Consent Authority to develop 205 residential and commercial lots as part of Johnston stage one.

The Northern Territory Government is also fast-tracking the development of Mitchell and Zuccoli to deliver another 2150 lots onto the housing market in Palmerston.

Contact: Edwin Edlund 0401 119 563