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Martin welcomes TOLL commitment to build new warehouse

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Attending the opening of Toll Holdings freight facility at the $11 million Darwin Business Park, Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said that the announcement that the company would build another 10,000m² facility in the ‘near future’ was very welcome news.

“As the first customer at the Business Park, Toll has shown its commitment to the Territory and its confidence in our economic future,” she said.

“Over a four year period the company will spend in excess of $17 million to establish its various business arms at the Business Park.

“The $10 million stage one Toll facility being opened today - which includes the purchase of land - created employment and business opportunities for locals and is a credit to the company.”

Joining company CEO, Paul Little, to unveil a plaque Ms Martin said that Toll is Australia’s leader in the transport and logistics sector and announced in August last year that it would be the first business to establish itself at the Business Park.

"The company - which has already moved its IPEC, Express and NQX businesses onsite - has now purchased an additional three hectares of land at the park and Mr Little says a new warehouse will be built in the ‘near future’,” she said.

“The current facility was also expanded from the original concept - to allow for more office and warehouse space - and is a strong sign of the confidence the company has in its new operations.

“It's a state-of-the-art consolidation and distribution facility directly linking in with the AustralAsia railway.”

Ms Martin said more than fifty Territorians were employed in various capacities on the development and that the majority of work went to NT based businesses including:

Pioneer (concrete), CSR and Boral (gravel), Roofclad Constructions (metal cladding), Tropicast (concrete cladding), Austral (cool rooms & cold storage facilities), Red Australia (dock levelling), Commons Plumbing (plumbing), variety of local Electricians (electrical work), Frontier Carpet and Vinyl (flooring), Coolalinga Glass and Aluminium (glazing), Stark Investments (linings), Darwin Cabinet Makers (joinery), Nortruss (doors), Ace Cabling and Communications (data cabling), Riedel Services (security). Local cranes, boom lifts, scissor lifts, graders, excavators and water carts were also hired.

Ms Martin said that the train station and VOPAC terminal (currently under construction) are also based at the Darwin Business Park and that other companies have been testing the waters as well.