LOCAL FIRM WINS $1.7M WATERFRONT CONTRACT

The Northern Territory Government has awarded a $1.7 million contract to local company Advance Civil Engineering Pty Ltd.

The contract is for the installation of a water main to the $1.1 billion Darwin City Waterfront development.

Infrastructure and Transport Minister Dr Chris Burns said the water main will ensure continuity of water supply for both residential and business purposes, and provide adequate water volumes for fire fighting requirements.

“The new water main will run from West Lane/Bennett Street, along Herbert Street, crossing the Esplanade and down the escarpment to Kitchener Drive,” Dr Burns said.

“Its installation will require substantial road works which will be carried out from February until June 2006.”

A Traffic Management Plan, which will be prepared by the contractor, will be submitted to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for approval.

Meanwhile, about 75 per cent of the landfill required for the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre pad is now in place.

The armour rock used to protect the earthworks from erosion is being installed.

So far more than 370,000 tonnes of fill and 20,000 tonnes of armour rock have been delivered to the Waterfront site.

The convention centre pad is expected to be completed in January 2006. Construction of the building should begin the following month.

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