

PORT BOTANY CONTAINER TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT

Questions & Answers

Project Overview

Q. When was the Project approved?

A. The Department of Planning approved the expansion of the existing port, involving the dredging and reclamation of the land in two stages. The first stage in October 2005 and the complete project in August 2006.

Q. When was the contract awarded and to who?

A. In December 2007 the contract was awarded to the project consortium comprising of Boulderstone and Jan De Nul (BH-JDN). The contract period started on 7 January 2008.

Q. What is the past experience of the design and construction contractors?

A. BH-JDN brings international experience in construction, specifically in the design and delivery of major civil and ports infrastructure. Boulderstone's portfolio includes roads, bridges, rail projects and other infrastructure throughout Australia and the Asia Pacific. This includes Sydney Opera House, Telstra Dome (Melbourne), Anzac Bridge (Sydney) and the Cross City Tunnel (Sydney).

Jan de Nul are a Belgian firm with worldwide operations which specialise in dredging, land reclamation, and marine works.

The consortium is supported by Hyder Consulting, Golder Associates and Scott Wilson.

Q. What is the duration of the Project?

A. The Project commenced site establishment works in late May 2008. Construction of the container terminal including; dredging and reclamation activities commenced in August 2008. The design and construction of the terminal area will continue through until March 2011. This will be followed by the stevedore

fitout, with the first berths available for trade by early 2012.

Q. What does the work involve and what are you constructing?

A. The project includes:

- Reclamation of 63 hectares of land for five new shipping berths and container storage.
- Upgrade and restoration of Foreshore Beach.
- Two new lookouts at the eastern end and western end of Foreshore Beach including a bird hide at the eastern end.
- A pedestrian/cycle path with rest areas.
- A new boat ramp with four lanes, pontoons, parking and public amenities.
- A new pedestrian bridge to link Sir Joseph Banks Park with Foreshore Beach.
- Improvement of the habitat of Penrhyn Estuary for shore birds, providing a superior ecological area.
- Penrhyn Estuary enhancement works.



Artist impression of final works

Q. What are the benefits of the Project to the community?

- A. The project has significant economic benefits by improving trade logistics for Sydney. This will contribute to the expansion of business and therefore growth in employment.

The expansion will provide for the growth in trade which is being experienced by Port Botany assisting with efficiency in cargo handling, making exports more competitive and avoiding congestion costs.

The project also involves the creation of new community facilities and in particular the boat ramp and amenities, and improvement of the Foreshore Beach area.

Q. Why is it necessary to expand the Port?

- A. Sydney Ports Corporation needs to ensure that the Port operates efficiently well into the future. It needs to be able to avoid congestion from the forecast increase in trade.

Q. What are the construction hours and will there be works occurring at night?

- A. Works will be between the hours of 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and between 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

The nature of some construction activities may require works outside of these hours. These activities may include, for example the delivery of oversized materials for the truck access bridge and the pedestrian over bridge. Conduct of out-of-hours activity is subject to approval from the relevant government and licensing authorities. Prior notification to the community of out-of-hours activities will be in accordance with the conditions of approval for the works.

Dredging will be occurring 24 hours per day, this commenced in August 2008.

Q. Who will operate the container terminal when it is completed and how do I find out more?

- A. Sydney Ports Corporation commenced a competitive tender process in late 2008 to engage an operator for the new terminal. An announcement on the successful stevedore is expected in mid-2009. The first berths are anticipated to be operational in 2012.

Q. How do I find out more about the construction phase of the Project?

- A. Contact the project via:

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