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PROJECT VERIFIER APPOINTED FOR PORT BOTANY

Ports Minister Joe Tripodi today announced Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Limited has been selected to act as an independent auditor overseeing design and construction on the NSW Government's \$1 billion Port Botany expansion.

Mr Tripodi said the internationally experienced engineering and environmental sciences provider will act as Project Verifier for the massive infrastructure project.

"In July the State Government called for Registrations of Interest for the position, and I am pleased to announce today, after a rigorous selection process, Parsons Brinckerhoff has been selected as the preferred tenderer

"The Project Verifier is an independent umpire ensuring the construction contractor complies with design and construction requirements, including quality and durability standards.

"Late last year two contractors, Baulderstone Hornibrook-Jan de Nul joint venture and Leighton-Van Oord joint venture, were shortlisted to tender for the design and construction of the expansion.

"The next step will see Parsons Brinckerhoff, the successful design and construction contractor and Sydney Ports Corporation working together on the 60-hectare expansion to maintain Port Botany's position as Australia's premier container port.

"This is part of the lemma Government's commitment to ensuring Port Botany has the capacity to deal with expected growth in container trade," Mr Tripodi said.

Parsons Brinckerhoff was selected based on a demonstrated understanding of the project and excellent experience in specialist environmental, reclamation and marine structures design.

Parsons Brinckerhoff has been involved in other projects around the world, such as the modernisation of Port Newark container terminal in New Jersey USA, the Brisbane North South Bypass Tunnel and the Brisbane Port expansion.

Mr Tripodi said the NSW Government expects to announce a successful design and construction tenderer late this year, while prospective stevedoring companies will be invited to tender for the opportunity of establishing stevedoring operations at the new terminal area next year.