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New Marine Supply facility proposed for White Bay

Bailey's Marine, an experienced marine fuel distribution company, is the successful tenderer for an area of 1.33 hectares of port land at White Bay 6, for the operation of a Common User Marine Supply Facility.

The Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Ports Corporation, Mr Greg Martin said "Sydney Ports called for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for operations on port land at White Bay 6 for working maritime uses in 2005".

"After careful assessment of the Bailey's proposal, we will be supporting them in preparing a development application for the Department of Planning, to operate a Marine Supply Facility at White Bay 6.

"Sydney Ports has a commitment to retain White Bay for maritime uses, and to encourage businesses to operate at the port. The Bailey's proposal fits in very well, and complements existing operations at the port," Mr Martin said.

"Baileys is an experienced marine fuel distribution company with facilities predominantly on the west and north coasts of Australia. They propose to create a permanent base in Sydney and are committed to providing services that cater to a range of harbour operators, including commercial, recreational and public transport vessels. With this commitment to operating a common user facility, we feel the Bailey's proposal will support the future use of White Bay by other maritime industries.

Their plans are to provide refuelling and related facilities for barges which service the harbour islands and for temporary berthing of smaller vessels while repair or maintenance is being carried out. Other facilities proposed include storage space for marine equipment, offices and storage.

The marine supply facility will be unique in that it will bring a range of services together at one location via an integrated platform, which adds synergy and economies of scale.

"The development will benefit the harbour by increasing efficiencies through the provision of a safe, modern, best practice, environmentally controlled delivery platform.

Bailey's will now prepare an Environmental Assessment for this proposal and submit it to the Department of Planning, following consultation with local community and state and local government bodies.

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