

AAT Update



Australian Amalgamated Terminals

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From the CEO

Welcome to another edition of the AAT client newsletter. It has been a number of months since our last note to you so I am keen to bring everyone up to date with progress on the final stage of our Port Kembla development. There are a number of key milestones approaching on the main site around berths 105 & 107 and a flurry of other works underway to develop the terminal facilities for the new berth 103 currently being constructed by the Port Kembla Port Corporation.

To date, I'm pleased to say the weather and all of the other factors that can impact on such a large complex project have been reasonably kind and we remain on track to complete our development works on schedule at the end of October. The timetable is tight though and we remain hopeful that the weather – in particular – continues to shine on the construction teams on site. The facilities that are already operational have performed very well since the first car shipments arrived six months ago and the systems are now bedded down for the transfer of the remaining vehicle trade from Glebe Island in November.

Arrangements for that transition are in hand but it is important that we remain in close communication with everyone affected to ensure the logistical challenges thrown up by such a significant move are well managed by all of us.

I'll be providing another update on progress later in the year but in the meantime would invite anyone with questions or concerns to make contact so we can resolve them well in advance of November.

Regards – **Dean Wells**

Port Kembla Terminal Remains on Track



An aerial view of progress at the \$80 million Port Kembla facilities showing the newly paved PDI area (at the top of the photo) nearing completion.

Development works on the final stage of AAT's \$80 million Port Kembla terminal have passed another milestone with the 10.5 hectare PDI area about to be handed over to Patrick Autocare and Prixcar for the construction of their facilities.

A range of other works are also reaching completion with both the main terminal site at berths 105 to 107, and the additional facilities to service the new berth 103, both due to be fully operational by early November.

AAT's Chief Executive Officer, Dean Wells, said the project was progressing well in readiness for the scheduled transfer of the remaining vehicle trade from the Glebe Island facilities in Port Jackson.

"Developments on this scale are always something of a complex jigsaw to bring together but I'm pleased to be able to say we are still on track to deliver as promised," he said.

"Of course there are a lot of variables we cannot control – the weather being a crucial one – so we are hoping the sun keeps shining on us long enough to meet what is a very tight deadline," Mr Wells said.

Latest progress on the current works includes:

Finalising of paving area for the 10.5 hectare PDI facilities at the main terminal. Both the PDI operators will commence the construction of additional infrastructure to support their PDI service once the site is handed over in coming weeks.

Work on the \$1.5 million maintenance garage at the main terminal site is nearing completion. Construction commenced in November 2007 and should be finalised by mid-May. The 52 metre x 23 m facility includes a washbay, storeroom, and 10 tonne capacity crane.

Construction has commenced on a new access road from the AAT facility at berth 103 to join Tom Thumb Road. The 140 metre road will assist in providing a direct link between the two AAT sites along Tom Thumb Road.

Port Kembla Port Corporation is well advanced with development and dredging works for the new 200 metre berth 103. It is due for completion in August/September.

Other work which is due to commence shortly includes:

- Construction of a \$4 million 5,000 square metre all-weather cargo shed for the new berth 103 site due for completion in October.

- An AQIS wash bay area at the main site.

- Development of the entry/exit gate area at berth 103 as well as amenities

Since the official opening of the new terminal to motor vehicle trade last October, the site has handled over 30,000 vehicles.

Once all remaining trade transfers from AAT's Glebe Island facility in November, the new Port Kembla terminal is expected to handle in excess of 285,000 vehicles per year and over 650,000 revenue tonnes of break bulk cargo.



Construction works underway at the new berth 103 which will provide valuable additional facilities to support the main terminal site.