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Creating Jobs: Major Progress for \$200 Million Luxury Darwin Hotel

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Locally based McMahon Services Australia NT has won the first contract for the construction of the new Westin Darwin hotel.

McMahon was selected through a commercial tender process undertaken by Landbridge in partnership with the Industry Capability Network NT (ICN NT).

McMahon will be working in conjunction with its sister company Intract. Intract is an indigenous owned civil construction company which employs 56 people full time with a 92% Indigenous employment rate. The NT office boasts a full-time workforce of 95% indigenous employment.

Intract also provides a considerable contribution to the Indigenous workforce, and as part of this project, McMahon sees an opportunity for on-the-job training of both skilled and entry-level Indigenous employees.

This Stage 1 of works includes the design and construction of the Sea Wall and foreshore access footpath, installation of precast concrete units to the wall, diversions and relocation of services and the construction of a new headwall and associated drainage. There is also some minor road widening to Anchorage Court.

Design and initial preparation works will be carried out in January, with a start on site of construction works anticipated in February. Completion of this package of work is scheduled for later in 2019.

The NT Government has committed \$17 million towards public infrastructure associated with the project including the development of a Skywalk connecting the waterfront into the CBD.

Quotes attributed to the Minister Manison

“The Territory Labor Government’s top priority is to create locals jobs and this \$200 million project will do that, creating more than 500 construction jobs and around 150 ongoing positions.

“The location of the Westin Darwin Hotel overlooking the Harbor and adjoining the CBD will bring a new class of luxury that the Territory has not previously had. It will be a drawcard for high-end business people and tourists and give Darwin a significant edge in the lucrative conference market.

“The hotel will be an important development to attract visitors and new business to the Territory as we continue to grow our relationships with our international neighbours.”

Quotes attributed to Mike Hughes, Landbridge Infrastructure Group Australia

“We have committed to delivering significant local benefit through this project and are pleased to have awarded the first contract to a locally based business employing Territorians.

“It is anticipated that over 95% of the 35 strong project workforce will be locally delivered.

“While it will be impossible to purchase ever single component locally, we expect that around 80% of the project value of this stage will be expended within the Territory providing direct economic benefit. The balance will be expended within Australia with no offshore purchases expected.”

Quotes attributed to Mick Laidler, McMahon Services Australia NT

“McMahon Services Australia NT is a strong advocate for local industry participation, a commitment which we intend to stand by through this project.

“We are a leading Northern Territory demolition, environmental, civil and building construction and service provider operating continuously across the Territory since 1997.

“We’re excited to have been successful in tendering for the Stage 1 works and to be working on the Westin Darwin Hotel, we look forward to getting started and establishing the site early next year.”

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