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## **Construction of New Assembly & Maintenance Hall Reaches New Heights**



**PERTH/SINGAPORE, 30 July 2019 – Civmec Limited (“Civmec” or the “Group”)** has achieved a significant milestone in the construction of its purpose-built assembly and maintenance hall in Henderson, Western Australia. The mega structure has been rising from the ground since October last year, when Prime Minister Scott Morrison was onsite to witness the erection of the first steel for the new world-class facility.

When complete, the facility will be amongst the most efficient and innovative in the world, delivering a new resource to the Australian maritime landscape and significantly enhancing the capability of Civmec’s existing facilities available at the Australian Marine Complex in Western Australia. The 53,000m<sup>2</sup> (usable floor area), 18-storey high facility will be the largest undercover modularisation and maintenance facility in Australia, with the capacity to house large vessels, including complete Air Warfare Destroyers, Frigates and Offshore Patrol Vessels, for construction or maintenance, as well as large integrated modules for the Oil & Gas and Metals & Minerals sectors.

The building now stands an incredible 70 metres high, with the recent addition of the 27 metre high bay structure which sits atop the expansive main roof. The 600 tonne structure, with a length of 130 metres and width of 40 metres, was securely lifted using hydraulic strand jacks and placed with incredible precision, with a mere 20mm clearance point in several areas.



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### **Civmec's Executive Chairman, Mr James Fitzgerald, said:**

*"Placing the high bay structure presented the team with a significant challenge. It was a complex process that required meticulous planning and I congratulate and thank the team for their commitment and focus in achieving this momentous milestone on the project."*

The new building contains 20 overhead travelling cranes, with the central hall having an impressive 400 tonne lifting capacity. The 60 metre ocean-facing sliding doors are amongst the largest in the world, able to accommodate the transfer of vessels and large modularised structures. The facility has over 1.2 million cubic metres of internal space, which is equivalent to an area that could house 12,000 passenger buses. To date, approximately 4,900 tonnes of structural steel and 14,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete have been used in the structure, with an estimated total of 5,100 tonnes of steel and 21,000m<sup>3</sup> of concrete required for the complete build.

### **Civmec's Executive Chairman, Mr James Fitzgerald, said:**

*"As we celebrate Civmec's 10-year anniversary, the addition of this new world-class assembly and maintenance hall will see the completion of the continuous building program initially conceived at the company's inception. Our heavy engineering facility at Henderson, set on 200,000m<sup>2</sup> of waterfront land, will be one of the best in the world and will offer over 100,000m<sup>2</sup> of useable undercover space, serviced by 52 overhead travelling cranes. The sheer scale of what we have achieved, and the state-of-the-art equipment now at our disposal, is unrivalled."*

Civmec's strategy to position the business to capitalise on the Federal Government's commitment to undertake the continuous build and sustainment of minor war vessels at Henderson will come to the fore when the new assembly and maintenance hall commences operations in 2020. The Group's delivery of the Royal Australian Navy's Offshore Patrol Vessel program, in contract with Luerksen Australia, which commenced in late 2018 and will be ongoing until 2029, includes the supply and processing of steel for 12 vessels. Following the build of the first two vessels in South Australia, Civmec will undertake the fabrication and consolidation of the following 10 vessels in the new facility. The preparation and profile cutting of steel plates for the first two vessels to be built in South Australia is already well underway at Henderson.

In addition to facilitating delivery of the Department of Defence's Integrated Naval Vessel Investment Program, aimed at building Australia's future Defence capabilities, the new facility will also be able to support the delivery of large integrated modules for the Oil & Gas and Metals & Minerals sectors.

### **Civmec's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Patrick Tallon, said:**

*"Our substantial investment in this new facility, capable of handling any of Australia's major projects across the resource, infrastructure and defence sectors, is an integral element in securing the company's long-term future. It is a significant piece of industrial infrastructure, and when fully operational will provide employment opportunities for up to an additional 1,000 Australians, including 100 new apprentices and trainees."*

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### **About Civmec Limited**

Civmec is an integrated, multi-disciplinary construction and engineering services provider to the Oil & Gas, Metals & Minerals, Infrastructure and Marine & Defence sectors. Headquartered in Henderson, Western Australia, Civmec has regional offices in Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia), Gladstone (Queensland, Australia), and Broome (Western Australia). The company is listed on the SGX (Singapore) and the ASX (Australia). Its core capabilities include heavy engineering, shipbuilding, modularisation, SMP (structural, mechanical, piping), EIC (electrical, instrumentation and control), precast concrete, site civil works, industrial insulation, maintenance, offshore logistics, refractory and access solutions.

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