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Darwin Ship Lift Moves into Key Design Development Stage

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Darwin's Ship Lift has reached another key milestone, with two tenderers shortlisted for the third and final procurement phase of the project.

Territoria Civil and the Clough-BMD Joint Venture have successfully progressed to the design development stage, which will ultimately see Northern Australia's biggest Ship Lift built in Darwin. The facility will be capable of lifting 5,000 tonnes, servicing vessels in the South East Asia region.

The companies will each deliver crucial design and development work over coming months to ensure the Ship Lift is primed to build and grow a thriving marine service and supply sector in the Territory.

The key appointments follow the second stage of the procurement process for the selection of a design and construction contractor.

The selection of the companies with deep local experience proves the Territory has the capacity to deliver world-class projects, which will attract global expertise to further benefit the Territory.

The ship lift will create the opportunity to grow a thriving marine service and supply sector in Darwin to create jobs and grow businesses. It will also be a key driver in establishing a marine services precinct at East Arm.

The final design and construction contractor is expected to be appointed in the second quarter of 2022, and construction will begin later that year.

The Ship Lift will be operational from late 2024.

Quotes from Minister for Mining and Industry Nicole Manison:

“The investment in this major national project means expanding our marine industry and providing new opportunities for businesses and more jobs for Territorians.

“This project is going from strength to strength – just last month we saw it progress with submission of its draft Environmental Impact Statement, and now we have shortlisted two capable businesses with a strong local presence in the Territory to bring the next stage to life.

“The Territory Labor Government thanks McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd, Watpac Construction Pty Ltd and Sitzler Pty Ltd for their participation in the Expression of Interest and Request for Proposal stages of the project.”

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