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MEDIA STATEMENT

SUNSTATE CEMENT INVESTS \$85 MILLION IN BOOMING ECONOMY

Leading cement supplier to Queensland's construction industry, Sunstate Cement, has announced plans for an \$85 million expansion to meet the growing building and infrastructure needs of the State's strong economy.

Sunstate Cement is a cement milling, storage and distribution facility located at Fisherman Islands within the Port of Brisbane. The company is a joint venture between Adelaide Brighton Ltd and Blue Circle Southern Cement.

Sunstate Cement's expansion plans include:

- A new grinding mill that will provide an additional 500,000 tonnes per year of cement capacity
- 70,000 tonnes of additional clinker storage to cater for the increase in demand
- Additional ship unloading conveyors to improve materials handling capability
- 4,000 tonnes of additional cement storage via two new silos
- A new fly-ash storage, handling and processing system that will greatly enhance Sunstate's capability to supply processed fly ash and fly ash cement blends.

Cement is produced at the Fisherman Islands site by importing clinker and grinding it with other materials, including fly ash, to make various product blends designed to suit different construction needs.

The expansion will increase Sunstate Cement's capacity to supply its various bulk and bagged cement products to 1.5 million tonnes per annum.

Gareth Ward, General Manager of Sunstate said "This expansion is both a long-term vote of confidence by the company in the Queensland economy and due recognition that more cement capacity is required so that Sunstate Cement can help both the Government and private sector fulfil their many plans."

He went on to say that the expansion was being driven by increased demand for cement from both the construction and resource sectors. He noted that there were several major infrastructure projects being planned that would underpin the need for additional cement manufacturing capacity in the near future pointing to the North-South Bypass Tunnel and the duplication of the Gateway bridge as examples.

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"These important projects all occur at a time when there is already a high level of general construction work in Brisbane and elsewhere, so Sunstate Cement needs to play its part in ensuring there are adequate cement supplies in Queensland and the economy is not held back by tightening supplies of basic building materials like cement," said Mr Ward.

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