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PORT KEMBLA TERMINAL BEGINS OPERATIONS

Australian Amalgamated Terminals has commenced handling the first general cargo through its newly developed facilities at Port Kembla ahead of the official opening of Stage 1 of the project next month.

The terminal's new general cargo handling area includes an 8 hectare cargo and container laydown and handling area, administration and security buildings, and a newly constructed 15,000 square metre cargo shed.

Work continues on Stage 2 & 3 of the \$80 million project – due for completion in October 2008 – which will see additional facilities developed for the unloading, storage and processing of NSW's import motor vehicle trade.

Today marks the beginning of an eighteen month transition period during which AAT will transfer its operations from its current Glebe Island terminal in Port Jackson to the new facilities at Port Kembla as they are developed.

AAT Chief Executive Officer, Dean Wells, said he was pleased with the smooth progress of the Port Kembla terminal development and proud of the facilities it now offered to customers.

"It is very rewarding to drive into the new terminal area and see the high quality infrastructure that is now in place not just in terms of the AAT facilities but also the multi-million dollar construction and upgrade of berths by Port Kembla Port Corporation," Mr Wells said.

"Of course we have a great deal more work to do to complete the project but it is satisfying to begin operations at Port Kembla and add the Illawarra to our national network of facilities," he said.

The completed Stage 1 of the AAT Port Kembla Terminal will provide:

- 3 hectares of new cargo laydown and handling pavement
- 4 hectares of existing cargo laydown and handling pavement at berths 105 & 106
- 15,000 m² all-weather cargo shed
- Terminal entry and security
- Truck Marshalling area for 18 b-double vehicles
- Receiving and Dispatch (R&D) area.
- AAT Office and Stevedores amenity complex

Late next month the first of the cargo vessels from Darling Harbour will instead berth at the new Port Kembla facilities – marking the start of the transition of the Darling Harbour general cargo and Glebe Island motor vehicle trade to the Illawarra.