

## Port of Brisbane Wharf.

Strong economic conditions in Queensland have generated a \$54million-project to build a 10th berth at the Port of Brisbane, and Orrcon is to play a key role.



Port of Brisbane Corporation Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jeff Coleman, said the Corporation would spend \$54.3 million on the new berth which would extend the current wharf line by a further 372 metres.

"Brisbane is one of the most dynamic ports in the nation. This latest development project, to build a tenth container berth at the port, shows just how robust Brisbane's current activity and projected trade growth is," Mr. Coleman said.

"This additional berth is essential to ensure the Port of Brisbane remains highly efficient and continues to meet the growing needs of Queensland industry."

The length and container-carrying capacity of container ships is increasing worldwide with a growing number of vessels calling into Brisbane more than 270 metres in length and carrying over 4,000 standard-sized containers.

Preparation works on the berth have begun and is to be completed by early 2008, at an estimated cost

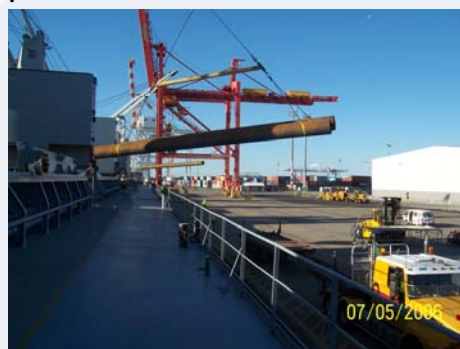
of just under \$45 million. Dredging of the berth is expected to cost a further \$9.6 million.

The Corporation is consolidating its operations by progressively relocating motor-vehicle and general cargo operations from Hamilton to the Port of Brisbane at the mouth of the Brisbane River. To date this process has included construction of a ninth berth and related terminal areas, pavements and associated infrastructure.

Orrcon's part of the project is the supply of 6,000 tonnes of spiral welded pipe, with cutting or driving shoes fitted, up to 18.5 metres long, and shipped direct to a designated site in the new wharf area.



Orrcon's Chief Development Officer, Mr. Scott Loose, said: "This is a huge order for Orrcon and we've dedicated a team to ensure the projects success



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“With wall thicknesses between 12 and 16mm, the lengths of pipe – which have been spiralled on a special machine – will be spliced and welded into 45m lengths prior to being driven deep into the earth by a drop hammer piling rig. The first piles are due to be driven in the later this year.”



Scott went on to say that “The Port of Brisbane project is another example of Orrcon’s commitment to become a leading supplier of steel pipe and tube for major Australian building and infrastructure construction projects.”

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