

COMPANIES GEARING UP

Contracts secure leading position across Australia

SECURING a \$96.5 million contract for BHP Billiton's RGP5 works in the Pilbara brings electrical engineering group O'Donnell Griffins' total contracts for electrical and rail-related works on the development to more than \$149 million since November 2002.

O'Donnell Griffin was extremely proud to have won its fifth consecutive contract with the mining giant, which further consolidates its presence nationally as a strong mine-to-market player in all significant resources belts.

"This demonstrates our long-term continuous relationship with BHP

Billiton and underlines the robust operational strength and growth of our rail division," ODG WA state manager Blair Smith said.

The RGP5 works will increase heavy haul railroad loads on the Port Hedland to Newman line, which increases demand on the capacity and capability of the existing rail network.

To cope with this expansion, a second track is being laid and ODG will design, install, test and commission the new signaling.

The work is along BHP's main railroad which runs south for 426kms.

ODG's capabilities in design and planning, construction, signaling and electrical sectors are also reflected in its long-term contract at the \$1.2 billion Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal redevelopment near Mackay in Queensland.

The company has carried out more than \$36 million of works there, involving a major electrical upgrade and onshore and offshore conveyor systems related to the new 3.8km jetty, undertaken to address ongoing backlogs in the out loading of the region's coal production.

Because of the backlog, the ODG

contracts demanded that stringent time and budget targets be met, while keeping the coal terminal running at near-full capacity, with careful planning for shutdowns and changeovers.

ODG have also undertaken a \$4.1 million rail signaling and communications services contract for the rail extension required to take coal from the main line to a new 30mtpa coal ship-loader facility on Kooragang Island in Newcastle's Port Waratah on a location to the west of the existing 95mtpa facility.



ODG has been involved in all stages of BHP's Rapid Growth projects



ODG has a contract to do all the signalling works on BHP's rail expansion

New hard chroming plant is the largest in Southern Hemisphere

FOLLOWING the completion of its new state-of-the-art chrome plating facility, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, HMG Hardchrome has significantly cut downtime for its clients.

The Heavy Maintenance Group, which specialises in heavy engineering and maintenance largely for mining and allied industries, has opened its new 3500sqm factory floor at Meeandah near Brisbane Airport.

HMG Hardchrome chief executive officer Lincoln Gibbons was proud to announce that the new plant, the most technologically advanced hard chroming plant in the world, had already proven its worth.

"Our aim is to minimise machine downtime and increase uptime for our

clients," Mr Gibbons said.

"The new chrome plating facility allows us to increase capacity and reduce downtimes – critical factors when clients are considering reclamation versus buying new."

While the plant is equipped to deal with reclamation and production of rods as small as a few centimetres long, HMG Hardchrome is best known for its work with long hydraulic rods.

"The capacity of our new hard chrome facility ranges from electroplating the smallest bearing journal, up to the largest hydraulic ram on the largest excavators currently operating in the Australian and Asia Pacific markets," Mr Gibbons said.

"Our new plant was specifically

designed to cater for such large scale work.

"As a company we work very closely with our clients, forming a partnership to offer real solutions to their problems by providing options not only in reclamation but also in manufacturing to OEM (original equipment manufacturer) standards."

Established as a family business in 1959, Hardchrome joined the Heavy Maintenance Group in August 2007 to become HMG Hardchrome.

The group employs more than 180 highly skilled staff at its workshops in Brisbane and Mackay, serving a customer base stretching across Australia, Indonesia and the southwest Pacific.

Enclosures provide protection from harsh climate

IN MANY mining areas throughout Australia the environment is extremely harsh - nothing is sacred from the fluctuating temperatures and the thick layer of red dust that coats every surface.

Monster trucks, drills and cranes are required to acclimatise to temperatures ranging from 5C to 45C and must labour like determined cogs in a mining machine.

Sensitive equipment demands the utmost in protection. Here, Rittal's new enclosure thrives.

The RiMine sloped roof enclosure range brings together German engineered quality, reliability and leading-edge technology to suit the requirements of the Australian market.

This robust enclosure is strong and resilient, withstanding the harsh mining environment and safe-guarding valuable electrical components.

Features include IP66 rating, maximum door opening, optimum mounting area with depth adjustable mounting plate, 30 degree sloped roof with generous overhang, triple point locking system, pad lockable, foamed-in gaskets and the gland plate is included.

These are available in 316 grade stainless steel (painted X15 or unpainted) and mild steel painted X15.

Clients can choose from five different sizes, with a complimentary range of climate control solutions and

accessories.

Rittal's proven product quality and superior service was acknowledged by ICM Group chief executive Mike Lane.

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