

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**Fulton Hogan and the Premier of South Australia open South Australia's newest, most advanced asphalt plant that will play a key role in the delivery of the Northern Expressway project.**

The most efficient and technologically advanced asphalt plant in South Australia, the Fulton Hogan's NEXY asphalt plant, was officially opened today by the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Mike Rann MP.

The new Fulton Hogan asphalt manufacturing plant represents a major investment, \$15 million, in advancing civil engineering and construction in South Australia and a key facility for the Northern Expressway project.

It is one of the most efficient and technologically advanced asphalt plants in Australia, producing up to 200 tonnes of asphalt an hour with full recycling capability, allowing asphalt from older roads to be fully reconstituted.

Fulton Hogan is employing an additional 70 local people to meet demands of the project and for the long term operation of the manufacturing facility.

Mr Dave Faulkner, Managing Director Fulton Hogan, believes this new facility symbolises Fulton Hogan's commitment to the South Australian market and further exemplifies the company as a major force in asphalt supply throughout Australia.

"The technology used in the plant is the same advanced technology that is being used in our other asphalt plants in Melbourne and Brisbane. The plant has full recycling capability allowing asphalt from older roads to be fully reconstituted creating benefits in supply of raw products and storage of waste. It also has the capability of producing warm mix asphalt," he said

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“We have invested more than \$15 million in the new facility and mobile equipment including asphalt laying and cartage equipment. This investment makes a statement about our commitment to South Australia long term and demonstrates that we are here to delivery the Northern Expressway and future projects.

“Fulton Hogan has the proven track record; plant and equipment, resources and capability; and project management methodology to ensure safety, quality and environmental concerns are incorporated into all processes, products and services.”

“Fulton Hogan’s commitment to innovation allows it to harness the vertical integration economies of scale in quarry, asphalt and laying to provide optimum client and partner value to all its projects. The addition of this plant will allow the Northern Expressway to also benefit from our vertical integration.”

Fulton Hogan employs more than 1250 people across Australia, with 160 people in South Australia working on either the Northern Expressway or its asphalt and quarrying business.

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