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Minister Mischin and the Hon Ronald (Shane) Love MLA touring the AOG exhibit.

Australasian Oil and Gas Exhibition and Conference 2016

The Australasian Oil and Gas (AOG) Exhibition and Conference 2016 celebrated its 35th year in hosting industry professionals, conference delegates and exhibitors from 25 countries in its annual oil and gas event.

The conference theme was “collaboration”, and this was reflected during the conference streams with experts from leading companies discussing how the industry can work closer together to reduce costs and improve productivity to remain competitive globally.

Minister Mischin opened the event and echoed this sentiment with his welcoming address, highlighting industry’s continuing need to innovate and how the State Government is supporting these ventures through common user infrastructure and program initiatives.

The exhibition section included up to 400 stands with international pavilions from UK, Scotland, Norway, USA, China, Italy, Singapore and Belgium.

There was also a new Workboat Zone which brought together workboat owners, operators, users, maintenance/repairers and the maritime service and supply industry, who heavily contribute to offshore oil and gas projects.

The AMC once again showcased its capability with a feature stand at the exhibit.

Planning has already commenced for the 2017 AOG scheduled for February 22–24.



Minister's foreword



The Annual Australasian Oil and Gas (AOG) Exhibition and Conference, which is held in Perth, proved to be a successful start to what will be a very important year.

I had the privilege of opening the event and was joined by Mr Ken Fitzpatrick, new Chair of the National Energy Resources Australia (NERA), who delivered the keynote speech outlining the initial priorities for the

latest Federal Government Industry Growth Centre. The establishment of NERA in Perth recognises the State as an innovation and technology hub for the oil and gas services sector. A significant investment by the State Government supported the initial focus on capacity building, research and education in offshore gas technologies. I look forward to working with NERA to promote opportunities for WA industry.

We have also had some VIPs visit the AMC recently. Federal Defence Minister, Senator the Hon. Marise Payne, joined me for a tour of the Complex to see firsthand WA's shipbuilding capability. Senator Payne was impressed with the Complex and I thank all of those companies who participated on the day in showcasing their capability. Other recent visitors included a delegation from the United Arab Emirates and a return visit by the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries delegation associated with the bid to build replacements for the Collins Class submarines.

Finally, it is wonderful to see innovative companies such as Orontide working within the AMC and I invite more companies to be profiled so you can showcase your capability and what we have at the AMC, to a greater audience.

I'm looking forward to the continued growth in the AMC and the new ventures that 2016 will bring.

**The Hon Michael Mischin MLC
Minister for Commerce**



Federal Minister for Defence Hon. Marise Payne toured the AMC along with Senator Linda Reynolds and Minister for Commerce Hon. Michael Mischin.

VIPs at the AMC

Many VIPs have been visiting the AMC this year, seeing firsthand the opportunities available within the Complex.

A contingent from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries toured the AMC facility in February. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is part of the Japanese bid for the SEA1000 Australian submarine bid.



Representatives from the UAE were shown the Floating Dock and CUF in February. Their tour was organised through the WA government overseas offices.

➤ A new NERA for Western Australia

Improving competitiveness, collaboration and productivity are the main objectives of the new industry-led National Energy Resources Australia (NERA), one of six national Industry Growth Centres, being established in Perth, Western Australia.

NERA will be headquartered with the WA Energy Research Alliance (WA:ERA) at the Australian Resources Research Centre and Pawsey Centre for Supercomputing at Technology Park in Perth. There will also be nodes in Brisbane and Adelaide.

The State Government has committed a financial support package of \$875,000 over four years through WA:ERA, a NERA foundation partner, to support NERA activities.

Leading NERA is the new CEO, Ms Miranda Taylor, formerly with APPEA, and the Chair, Mr Ken Fitzpatrick, who has over 30 years experience in the oil and gas industry in Australia and overseas. Three key staff have been appointed to build connections and networks with industry across Australia: Jill Stajduhar, General Manager Industry-Research, Nigel Haywood, General Manager Education and Work Skills, and Craig Banks, General Manager Supply Chain Development.

Mr Fitzpatrick was the keynote speaker at the 2016 AOG and in his address highlighted NERA's mission and objectives for 2016, and announced the new management team who will implement the NERA work program.

"The vision for NERA sees collaboration as central to its purpose. NERA will support the oil, gas, coal seam gas, coal, uranium and related service industries in Australia," said Mr Fitzpatrick.

"International demand for Australian resources remains strong. Currently this sector is forecast to generate \$66 billion worth of export earnings, from approximately 1200 companies, employing 120,000 people directly. By leveraging existing networks and initiatives to create opportunities for collaboration, innovation and knowledge sharing we aim to help improve productivity and competitiveness for the sector as a whole."

"We have strong support from the WA Government and WA:ERA. I would like to thank both the WA Government and WA:ERA partners CSIRO, Curtin University and The University of Western Australia for their positive support to the Growth Centre.

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The Department of Commerce estimates that NERA will see at least \$22 million in funding support directed to WA-based activities, with a further \$200 million in research funding potentially directed to WA to undertake industry identified research projects.

NERA will focus on eight strategic themes - Reducing high cost structures, promoting industry sustainability, unlocking marginal resources, work skills, industry-led research, regulatory burden, supply chain and predictive data analytics.

The first year activities for NERA include hosting a national collaboration and innovation summit to connect industry stakeholders, in industry, science and research and government across the different energy resources fields.

Feedback from the summit will be utilised in the ten year Growth Centre's Sector Competitiveness Plan also planned to be finalised within its first year.



For further information visit www.nera.org.au



Mr Ken Fitzpatrick presenting the keynote address at AOG 2016.

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Orontide, expanding its field



Western Australian owned and operated Orontide, is both ready and able to capitalise on future opportunities from their presence at AMC Henderson.

The company has provided specialist engineering and industrial services to the oil and gas, mining and resources, marine and naval defence industries for over 35 years.

Orontide participated at the AOG 2016 exhibit, showcasing its capabilities to further support the oil and gas industry with work they completed for Wheatstone and the John Brookes Gas Field.

Stewart Maddison, CEO of Orontide, who joined the company in August 2015, attended the event.

"AOG is a great opportunity to showcase our capabilities and demonstrate our innovative solutions for maximising efficiencies and reducing operating costs," said Mr Maddison.

"We've been at AOG for over six years now and have been successful in securing contracts with producers from our exposure at the event."

Positioned within the AMC support cluster, Orontide is also seeking to further expand its existing work within the Naval Defence market.

"We've achieved some great results from our work in the naval defence sector and we want to build on that as the Federal Government invests more in our country's navy," said Mr Maddison.

"Our location within the AMC, with access to the common user facility, is ideal as it offers significant value-add opportunities for our clients including direct access to waterfront loading and docking facilities, heavy/wide load access and close proximity to other complimentary companies we can collaborate with."

With a strong focus on exceeding customer expectations, Orontide will continue delivering its high quality work across its engineering and industrial services, on time, on budget and to the highest possible standard.



Orontide exhibit. Image supplied by Orontide.

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