

Media Release



PDR Engineers Joins SMEC in Milestone Acquisition

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On 27 March 2017, PDR Engineers (PDR) joined SMEC, enhancing PDR's engineering capabilities and strengthening SMEC's presence in northern Australia. PDR is a professional consultancy firm, based in Cairns, Queensland, that provides structural, civil, geotechnical and mining engineering services to government and corporate clients.

This is SMEC's first acquisition since SMEC joined Surbana Jurong in August 2016, marking an important strategic milestone in SMEC's overall growth plan. The combined footprint of SMEC and PDR in northern Australia establishes a strong regional network of offices in Cairns, Townsville and Darwin. PDR has broad experience across a number of sectors including resources engineering, public infrastructure, community structures, water, sewerage, roads, drainage and other municipal infrastructure. SMEC will work to strengthen and expand PDR's service offering in the region.

Hari Poologasundram, Chief Operating Officer for SMEC's Australia and New Zealand Division, says of this milestone, "PDR aligns with our strategy to increase our market share in North Queensland. PDR has good synergies with SMEC and provides an excellent platform to strengthen and develop local capability to achieve a step change in growth in North Queensland." PDR's current Directors, Peter De Roma and Terry Medhurst will continue to provide management of PDR's client base and will form an integral part of the SMEC management team.

Established in 1999, PDR has a strong reputation for delivering technically challenging projects. Having been at the forefront of guiding major infrastructure decisions in the Torres Strait for the last 15 years, PDR currently manages the Major Infrastructure Programme (MIP) for the region. Similarly, in the resources sector, PDR regularly provides input to major capital projects, assisting in mine technical services and conducting technical reviews.

PDR's local expertise combined with SMEC's extensive capabilities ensures the continued advancement of engineering excellence in the region.

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