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**Chief Minister**

## **Darwin strengthens position as oil and gas hub with opening of Qube supply base**

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Darwin's position as a major oil and gas service hub was strengthened today with national port and logistics company Qube officially opening its new supply base at the East Arm industrial precinct.

"Qube has invested \$25 million in this state of the art oil and gas supply base, which is the third major supply base to be constructed within the East Arm Logistics Precinct," Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

"This supply base will be one of the largest of its kind in Australia and represents over \$50 million of new investment in the Territory within close proximity to the port, railway and Darwin Business Park.

"Over two thirds of the construction costs, in excess of \$14 million, was spent locally on Territory contractors, supplies and services.

"A number of green energy saving initiatives were incorporated in the design of this new building including LED lighting throughout, a 30Kw solar power unit and a fully recycling wash bay with its own water treatment and no discharge."

Qube's purpose built facility will be operated to service ConocoPhillips offshore requirements for the Darwin LNG project.

Qube Ports & Bulk Managing Director Don Smithwick said the facility demonstrates Qube's commitment to invest in world-class resources to support oil and gas projects in the region.

"As our second supply base in Darwin, this cements our capacity to provide a comprehensive range of specialised logistics services to the oil, gas and pipeline energy industry," he said.

"Like a number of other recent developments at East Arm, the Land Development Corporation adapted commercial land sale terms to meet specific user requirements," Mr Giles added.

"By enabling flexibility in the contractual arrangements, Qube Ports could undertake the subdivision and construction works within tight frames to meet ConocoPhillips deadlines to open the new supply base."

The new 10,000 square metre warehouse will include a large cool room, dangerous goods store, 4,000 bays of pallet racking and a modern 1,100 square metre office space.

“Supporting projects like these is one way the Country Liberals’ Government is working to unlock the full potential of the Northern Territory and create opportunities to deliver more jobs, better services and improve our unique way of life,” Mr Giles said.

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### **About Qube**

A top 100 ASX company, Qube Holdings is Australia’s leading integrated logistics company in the export import supply chain. The company operates in 29 ports in Australia in the bulk minerals and commodities, the oil and gas sectors and container logistics. It has grown from a \$200 million investment fund in 2007 to being valued in excess of \$2 billion today.

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