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### **Moorebank Intermodal Company and Qube commence construction at Moorebank Logistics Park**

Moorebank Logistics Park today welcomed Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon. Mathias Cormann and Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, the Hon. Darren Chester MP to mark the official commencement of construction at the site, following months of pre-construction and remedial works.

Moorebank Intermodal Company Chair, Dr Kerry Schott AO and Qube Holdings Chairman, Mr Chris Corrigan, joined the Ministers in recognising this significant milestone.

Moorebank Intermodal Company and the Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance (SIMTA), a wholly owned subsidiary of Qube Holdings, reached financial close on the agreement to develop and operate the site in late January.

Mr Corrigan welcomed the commencement of construction, noting Moorebank was identified as a priority location for a freight terminal in 2004 and in October 2016 was included on Infrastructure Australia's priority list for national infrastructure projects.

"The site has a direct rail link to Port Botany and the interstate freight network which, along with its proximity to major motorways, makes it ideal for an intermodal facility," said Mr. Corrigan. "Moorebank Logistics Park will transform the freight and logistics supply chain along the East Coast" he added.

Dr Schott acknowledged the ground breaking arrangement with Qube and noted that both Qube and the Government shared a long term strategy to improve the logistics chain between the port, Moorebank and the rest of the freight network. Open access will be provided at Moorebank and over time a world class facility will emerge. This arrangement has the potential to become a model for future projects involving government and the private sector.

"Moorebank Intermodal Company was established to facilitate the development of the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal and oversee the achievement of the Commonwealth's infrastructure and freight policy objectives."

"The commencement of construction is a significant milestone that recognises our success and brings us a step closer to realising the substantial benefits this development will deliver for the people of southwest Sydney, and NSW more broadly."

"Moorebank Logistics Park is a nationally significant infrastructure project that will be a major economic contributor to local and regional communities for years to come."

Dr Schott emphasised that one of the ongoing priorities for Moorebank Intermodal Company is to ensure the local southwest Sydney community can capitalise on the opportunities provided by the development.

Over 1,300 jobs are expected to be created during construction of the Moorebank Logistics Park and a Deloitte Employment Forecast Report found that, once operations are at full capacity, the site will employ approximately 6,800 people.

"Moorebank Intermodal Company has been working closely with Australian Industry Standards to establish the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal Workforce Group to ensure these jobs are accessible to southwest Sydney residents," said Dr Schott.

The purpose of the group is to assist in identifying and addressing skill shortages and education and training needs that will enable the local community to access the significant new employment opportunities generated by the development and operation of the Moorebank Logistics Park.

Membership of the Workforce Advisory Group includes representatives from local and state government, educational institutions, chambers of commerce, industry and the local community.

Moorebank Intermodal Company looks forward to working closely with the Advisory Group, Qube and the community to ensure this exciting development is a success and the full benefits of the Moorebank Logistics Park are delivered for southwest Sydney.

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Below is a link to an animated flythrough of the project: <https://we.tl/SIYvgFsD0E>.

More information about the precinct is available at [www.micl.com.au](http://www.micl.com.au).

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