

Downer Engineering secures \$200m in contracts

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Downer EDI Limited (DOW) announced that its engineering division has in recent months secured contracts to the value of \$200 million in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. This includes the recently awarded contract with Woodside Energy, which will see the company conduct electrical and instrumentation work on the new LNG Train 5 project.

Downer said the contracts awarded also covered electrical work associated with BHP Billiton's Rapid Growth Project 3 & 4.

"This includes the port facilities upgrade at Port Hedland and electrical and instrumentation services for the expansion works at BHP Billiton's Area C iron ore mine," the company said.

Downer Engineering CEO Wayne Nolan said the company was experiencing an unprecedented level of demand for electrical and instrumentation work in Western Australia.

"The increased demand is largely a result of the economic boom and the company's position as a premier supplier of these services in the west," he said.

Downer explained that the electrical and instrumentation works for Woodside's LNG Phase V expansion would focus on the new LNG processing train and includes a new load-out jetty, new boil-off gas compressor, acid gas removal unit, new fractionation train and facilities.

"Downer Engineering's mobilisation at the site has commenced with completion of the contract scheduled for first quarter 2008, with onsite workforce involved in the project expected to peak between 150 and 190," the company concluded.