

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **KMSB to revolutionise Kimberley logistics with 24/7 tide-independent port operations**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA – September 12, 2025 – A proven private port operator has today celebrated the operational launch of its Kimberley Marine Support Base (KMSB) in Broome.

KMSB was officially launched by Western Australia's Minister for Regional Development; Ports; and the Kimberley, the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC in recognition of this significant enhancement to Australia's maritime logistics capabilities in the North West.

KMSB represents another significant private investment in Western Australia's critical port infrastructure steered by Founder and Managing Director Andrew Natta, building on the successful model he established at the existing Onslow Marine Support Base (OMSB) in the Pilbara region of WA.

Mr Natta recognised the logistics challenges in the North West, which has long grappled with infrastructure bottlenecks, vessels waiting on tide movements, and escalating costs due to demurrage and congestion.

KMSB is purpose-built to directly address these challenges, delivering transformational change in the service of existing and emerging industries in the Kimberley region, with the facility operating as a complementary terminal to the Port of Broome, which has served as the region's main maritime logistics hub for more than 80 years.

At the core of KMSB's innovative design is its state-of-the-art floating wharf, engineered to operate 24/7 despite Broome's extreme tidal variations (up to a 10m tidal spectrum). This floating wharf design provides a fixed height relative to visiting vessels throughout the entire duration of cargo operations, thereby removing tidal constraints, and facilitating rapid vessel turnarounds.

"KMSB, and OMSB before it, are economic enablers – establishing critical infrastructure that provides reliable, cost-effective alternative logistics solutions for the North West," Mr Natta said.

"Our floating wharf at KMSB is designed for 'tide-independent' operations – removing the bottlenecks that have long-plagued supply chains within the region. For resources projects, food and fibre exporters, cruise ship lines, and government alike, this is about certainty, efficiency, and continued regional development across diversified industries."

KMSB will boost productivity, safety and reduce costs for established Kimberley businesses in the agricultural and resources sectors, while also allowing cruise ships to come alongside for passengers to visit Broome without the need to wait for appropriate tides.

Crucially, the facility will also enable the growth of new sectors – such as proposed critical minerals and renewable energy developments – by providing the necessary infrastructure for handling specialised cargo like wind turbines, solar systems and commercial battery imports.

"Our 24/7 operational capability, combined with our flexible, client-focused approach, means businesses can now plan with confidence, operate cost effectively and significantly improve their supply chain efficiency," Mr Natta said.

The substantial infrastructure includes an 11,500 tonne, 9,250 square metre structure with a 255-metre berth line, between northern and southern dolphins, as well as a 400-metre bi-directional causeway and an 85-metre linkspan bridge. Ultimately, KMSB is designed to support vessels up to 348 metres LOA.