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Opened in July 2003, the $200 million facility has proven of great benefit to more than 50 users, handling multiple projects from a number of diverse business sectors including mining, iron ore, oil and gas, chemical, utilities, petrochemical, and downstream industries, as well as both commercial and military ship repair.

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JOHN BROOKES PLATFORM

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MINING TRUCKS FOR EXPORT

The CUF was also recently home to Harry Walker Ellis (HWE) for the manufacture of P&H 5200 and 14100 AC electric rope shovels for the Indonesian Bungung coastline. With a worldwide shortage of equipment, the time constraints and the smooth delivery of both trucks highlighted the CUF’s capabilities.

The 1.2 million dollar order was a project for a mining company in Indonesia who were in urgent need of large scale mining equipment with a delivery deadline of March 2005.

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The Australian Marine Complex was chosen as the preferred site for the training centre with the expectation that the complex will develop into a regional service centre for the oil and gas industry, supporting up to 100,000 man-hours per year. The facility was a key recommendation of last year’s Burragup Skills Development Roadmap.

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The Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett said the Government will continue to provide support to enhance the facility’s capacity to compete for future naval defence contracts, as well as more work in the resources industries.

The Premier also announced that Commonwealth Steel Ceekas would join the WA Government as a tenant. The company is responsible for the construction of the State’s new $20 million Defence Shipbuilding Facility.
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