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## **Karara Awards Geraldton Port Work to Local Company**

*Mid West benefits as local spend continues to soar*

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The amount of money spent by the Karara Iron Ore Project in the Mid West region will continue to rise following the award of a multi-million dollar Geraldton Port construction contract to a local company.

Karara Mining Limited has announced it has awarded a Structural, Mechanical and Piping (SMP) installation contract to Geraldton company, Maicon Engineering.

The SMP contract, with a value of approximately \$10 million, involves the installation of around 1000 tonnes of structural steel and platework for what is known as the Inloading Circuit. The Inloading Circuit comprises steelwork for the Dual Wagon Tipper and interconnecting conveyors and transfer towers that enable crushed ore to be transferred from the rail wagons to the ore stockpile inside KML's ore storage shed, which is also currently under construction.

Maicon Managing Director Greg Crook said he was very pleased that a local Geraldton company was given the opportunity to bid for the work and was confident of a successful outcome. He said that the workforce required to undertake the works would peak at around fifty people, all based in Geraldton. The works will commence immediately and are expected to be complete by the March Quarter 2012.

KML's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Murdoch, said the contract award was consistent with Karara's policy of giving work to local companies where possible.

"This is another example of KML delivering on its promise," he said. "By providing as much work as possible to local companies and contractors we are providing the underlying support that keeps more jobs and people in the Mid West and the economy thriving. We are here for the long haul and a thriving economy benefits not only KML but the entire Mid West region."

To date under KML's local content policy more than 260 Mid West businesses have provided goods or services valued at over \$140 million to the Karara Project.

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