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Government and Arrium to work toward expanded Whyalla Port

The State Government and Arrium Limited today agreed to work together to create a major multi-user port at Whyalla and generate new investment opportunities in the Upper Spencer Gulf.

It follows a report by the Resources Infrastructure Taskforce which identifies Whyalla as one of three preferred options for a multi-user, bulk capacity port in the Upper Spencer Gulf.

Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Tom Koutsantonis said the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Arrium is a critical first step in providing the Upper Spencer Gulf with a major multi-user port that increases the attractiveness of investment in the region.

“The MOU will help guide negotiations that will potentially lead to third-party access to current unused capacity at Arrium’s wholly-owned Port of Whyalla, as well as capacity-expanding investment to support future development in the Upper Spencer Gulf,” Mr Koutsantonis said.

“The State Government is committed to ensuring the Spencer Gulf achieves its full potential, as part of our economic priority to unlock the value of our State’s resources.

“The signing of the MOU is also one of the first major outcomes to arise from the in-depth analysis conducted by the Resources Infrastructure Taskforce on preferred port options for the Spencer Gulf, which identified the potential for expansion at Whyalla.”

The State Government and Arrium have agreed in the MOU to:

- Reach an agreement to cover third-party applications for use of Arrium's Whyalla Port.
- Revise the Whyalla indentures to support existing and new industries and infrastructure in the Whyalla region.

Arrium Managing Director and CEO Andrew Roberts said the Whyalla Port is a scaleable, versatile and valuable infrastructure asset with a proven capability of handling large volumes of bulk mineral cargoes.

“Arrium and the South Australian Government both regard investment in the Whyalla Port as a key opportunity, particularly to encourage the development of numerous magnetite deposits that exist in South Australia,” Mr Roberts said.

Mr Koutsantonis said the MOU also provided an exciting opportunity to create a new and appropriate framework for Arrium's existing operations, as well as new opportunities for the Whyalla region.

“This in turn is expected to create an attractive investment environment for both existing and new industries to allow them to build on Whyalla's unique history and infrastructure,” he said.

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