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ORONTIDE ACQUIRES WOVODICH ENGINEERING

Diversified engineering group Orontide, which includes Madco, Madco Marine, Robil Engineering and Alphablast, has purchased Wovodich Engineering in Bunbury to expand services to the resources industry in Western Australia's South West region.

This latest acquisition follows Orontide's purchase of Port Hedland business Robil Engineering in March this year.

Orontide managing director Keith Jones said the acquisition of Wovodich Engineering would enable the group to extend its capabilities into the booming South West.

"We are committed to ensuring the integration of Wovodich into the Orontide Group is seamless," Mr Jones said. "It will be business as usual for staff and customers and we believe existing employees will benefit from the increased opportunities available in the Group."

"We look forward to working with staff to develop and expand Wovodich's existing capacity, capability and management systems."

Mr Jones said all employees would be retained and services improved through the introduction of an Integrated Management System which includes the addition of safety and environmental accreditation to Wovodich's existing ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Systems.

The Orontide Group has four existing businesses:

Madco: provides maintenance and repair services to mining and industrial clients

Madco Marine: provides maintenance and repair services to the defence industry

Alphablast: provides protective coatings services to the defence and oil & gas industries.

Robil Engineering: provides engineering support to the mining and resource industry throughout Western Australia's Pilbara Region.

Orontide has been providing maintenance services for 28 years and has over 150 staff with facilities at the Australian Marine Complex in Henderson, Garden Island, Kalgoorlie, Port Hedland and Sydney with an additional 50 staff joining the team as a consequence of the Wovodich acquisition.

Wovodich Engineering has been providing machining, fabrication, assembly, commissioning and installation services since 1982. Since inception, Wovodich Engineering has completed jobs for customers including Worsley Alumina, Bradken Mining, Laminex Group, Hamersley Iron, Millennium Chemicals, Alcoa World Alumina, P&H Minepro Services, Albany Plantation Export Company, Talison Minerals, WA Chip & Pulp, Verve Energy, Griffin Coal Mining Co, Bunbury Port Authority, Bemax Cable Sands and Metro Brick.

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About Orontide Group

Orontide Group Limited (Orontide) provides maintenance and support services for businesses in the mining, defence and oil and gas industries. Five separate businesses form the Orontide Group. These are Madco, Madco Marine, AlphaBlast, Robil Engineering and Wovodich Engineering.

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