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GIANT NEW CRANES ARRIVE AT PATRICK BRISBANE TERMINAL

Two of Australia's biggest waterfront cranes, the largest in Queensland, are due to arrive at Toll Group's Patrick Container terminal in the Port of Brisbane this Saturday 2 December.

The massive AU\$9m ship to shore gantry cranes are the tallest that can be installed in the Port, with their height reaching just under the flight path limitations imposed by the nearby airport.

At 107 metres, the cranes are equivalent to a 20 storey building and are 12 metres higher than the Brisbane City Hall Tower.

The cranes are being delivered from China on a purpose built heavy lift cargo ship.

Patrick's Brisbane Manager, Mr Matt Hollamby said:

"These cranes will allow us to handle the biggest ships currently calling to Australia and underline our commitment to the Port of Brisbane as the fastest growing Port in Australia.

"They are highly sophisticated and will augment our operation and provide us with a competitive edge to the benefit of the company, its clients and our employees."

The new infrastructure is an important part of Patrick's ongoing commitment to the Port of Brisbane and will be used at its state of the art Brisbane Autostrad® Terminal.

The Terminal has attracted attention worldwide and recently won its category in The Queensland Engineering Excellence Awards for the revolutionary robotic handling equipment used for the movement of shipping containers.

The delivery of the Brisbane cranes completes a round of equipment acquisition which has seen Patrick position similar cranes in Sydney, Melbourne and Fremantle.

The crane's dimensions are post-panamax which means they can service vessels that are too big to pass through the Panama canal:

Overall height with boom raised	107.8m
Height with boom lowered	75.31m
Total weight	1180t
Lifting capacity	75t
Outreach	49m

Patrick has also recently confirmed an order for a further five Autostrads® - robotic handling machinery – for Brisbane, due to arrive at Easter 2007, which will increase the fleet size to 23 machines.

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