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Company Announcements
The Australian Stock Exchange
20 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

Australian Seamless Tube Project wins Federal Government Support

The Directors of Boulder Steel Ltd are pleased to announce that the Australian Federal Government has today conferred Major Project Facilitation (MPF) status on the Group's Ipswich Seamless Tubes Project being undertaken through Boulder's wholly owned subsidiary Asia Pacific Seamless Tubes Ltd (APST).



From left to right: Dr Darryl Smith, Managing Director, APST, Mr Cameron Thompson MP, Federal Member for Blair, the Hon Ian Macfarlane, Australian Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources.

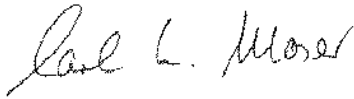
APST Ltd Managing Director Dr Darryl Smith welcomed the Federal Government initiative which he described as a "milestone" decision for the company's proposed steel plant at Ipswich in south east Queensland.

Dr Smith said APST was preparing for release the project's Environmental Assessment Report for public comment later this month as discussions continued with equipment suppliers, financiers and potential customers abroad.

"We look forward to working with the Federal Government and Invest Australia to expedite this major Australian project through the approvals process and tap into any additional Commonwealth assistance programs for which we may qualify," he said.

The Australian Industry Minister, the Hon Ian Macfarlane, visited APST's Ipswich offices today and a copy of his announcement is attached.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl U. Moser".

Carl U. Moser
Director & General Manager



MEDIA RELEASE

IAN MACFARLANE

Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources

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MAJOR PROJECT STATUS FOR \$572 MILLION IPSWICH PROJECT

A project which is expected to generate 700 jobs in the Ipswich area has been granted Major Project Facilitation Status by the Australian government.

Australian Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources, Ian Macfarlane, today announced Asia Pacific Seamless Tubes (APST) would receive targeted support for the project which aims to produce 400,000 tonnes of seamless tubes per year.

"The \$572 million APST project will see high grade seamless steel tubes produced in Ipswich primarily for use in the global oil and gas industry," Mr Macfarlane said.

"The project requires the construction of an electric steel mill, a seamless tube mill and a finishing mill. It is expected to create around 700 jobs in the construction phase and sustain approximately 750 jobs once fully operational.

"APST expects the project to be running at full capacity by mid-2011. Half of this output will be further upgraded at a new finishing mill in Ipswich and the other half exported to a finishing mill APST is planning to build in the United Arab Emirates.

"This is a significant project for the nation and could improve Australia's foreign trade balance by generating an estimated \$350 million in exports and \$150 million in import replacements per annum," Mr Macfarlane said.

Asia Pacific Seamless Tubes Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Australian Stock Exchange-listed Boulder Steel Ltd.

As a result of the project being awarded MPF status the Australian Government's investment agency, Invest Australia, will work with APST to progress the project through the approvals process and identify any Government programs which may be of assistance.

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