

ORICA COMMENCES AMMONIA PLANT RESTART

2 January 2012

Orica has today announced that it will commence the restart of the Ammonia Plant at its Kooragang Island site on Tuesday 3 January 2012.

Repair work on the plant was completed prior to Christmas 2011, with pre start testing conducted last week as a final check prior to start-up.

With all pre start activities now complete and with independent technology experts onsite as of 3 January, the plant is now ready for restart.

Site Manager, Sean Winstone said, "We have had a number of people on site over the Christmas and New Year period who have continued to work through the pre start testing, and we believe that we are ready to restart the Ammonia Plant. The independent technology experts will be onsite providing the appropriate oversight.

"I would like to reiterate that we will take as long as is necessary with the restart to ensure that the Ammonia Plant is started safely. As we do this we will continue to keep the community and our customers informed," he said.

The Ammonia Plant is a key supplier of ammonia and carbon dioxide to the agriculture, water supply, food, dairy and medical sectors.

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