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MEDIA RELEASE

Preliminary works to begin at Port Stanvac

Preliminary site works for the Adelaide Desalination Project will begin at Port Stanvac this week.

This follows last month's signing of the *Heads of Agreement* by the State Government and Mobil which allows SA Water access to the land at Port Stanvac.

SA Water Chief Operating Officer John Ringham said the desalination plant itself and marine construction works would only proceed after the Major Development approval had been granted by the Governor. However, in the meantime preliminary works needed to begin.

"In July last year, due to ongoing water security issues, Cabinet endorsed an accelerated program for the project, with the delivery of the first desalinated water brought forward by 12 months to December 2010," Mr Ringham says.

"One of the outcomes of this accelerated timeline is the need to undertake preliminary site works, before the Governor's determination on the project, to meet the overall project timeframes.

"Preliminary site works being undertaken over the coming months include earthworks, fencing, site security, access roads, car parks, construction of temporary site offices and two temporary access bridges over the existing creek, mains water and sewer connections, power supply and stormwater run-off infrastructure.

"The preliminary works will ensure there is early establishment of good engineering and environmental and public safety controls for the site.

"These works will ensure we keep in line with the project's strict environmental objectives and performance criteria, including fencing off areas to protect sensitive zones such as the cliff and sites of Aboriginal Heritage significance, stormwater management and increased traffic management near the site."