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Consultant Team Finalised for New Royal Project

The consultant team for the redevelopment of the Royal Hobart Hospital has been finalised with the appointment of consultants in civil and structural engineering, environmentally sustainable design (ESD) and quantity surveying.

The Minister for Health and Human Services, Lara Giddings, today announced the appointment of civil and structural engineers Connell Wagner, ESD consultants Kingston & Associates (Australia) and Umow Lai Environment and quantity surveyors Davis Langdon and Padgham to the New Royal Project team.

“The New Royal Project is the biggest project any Tasmanian Government has ever undertaken and the planning stage we are now in is particularly important,” Ms Giddings said.

“The team of consultants we have assembled will provide us with the best advice and bring to the project a wealth of local, national and international knowledge and experience in major health care facilities developments.

“The opportunity we have to consider environmentally sustainable design principles from the beginning of the project is particularly exciting.

“We have appointed independent ESD consultants to work closely with the architects, engineers and other specialists to encourage innovative approaches to sustainable design across all aspects of the project.”

Ms Giddings said the consultants would begin work with the project team in February.

“Over the past six months the project team has been working with the RHH and the state’s medical specialists to develop a functional brief, which outlines the kinds of health services the new hospital will provide and how it will deliver those services.

“The consultants will take this information and begin to develop a Master Plan for the project, which will in turn contribute to the Business Case that will be finished by December 2008.

“I welcome the latest additions to our project team and look forward to working with them over the coming year,” Ms Giddings said.

Civil and Structural Engineers

Melbourne-based firm Connell Wagner are partnering with local firm Pitt & Sherry to provide the civil and structural engineering services for the project.

Connell Wagner has experience in masterplanning for major health facility developments both within Australia and overseas, including Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital and the King Hamad General Hospital in Bahrain.

Pitt & Sherry is an established Tasmanian consultancy firm and has extensive knowledge of both the existing and proposed hospital sites. It will bring to the project thorough knowledge of the local industry and established working relationships around the state.

Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) consultants

Hobart-based Kingston & Associates has partnered with Melbourne-based consultants Umow Lai Environment (ULE) to provide ESD advice, which includes areas such as energy efficiency, greenhouse emission reduction, indoor environment quality and waste minimisation.

Kingston & Associates has extensive experience in all areas of building services and has a local knowledge of health projects, including the RHH, West Coast Hospital, George Town District Hospital Redevelopment and Smithton District Hospital Redevelopment.

ULE is a leading national specialist in ESD design. It has extensive experience in providing highly innovative sustainable design approaches for health care and research facilities. This expertise will be particularly relevant to the new Royal Hobart Hospital as a major teaching hospital.

Quantity Surveyor

Davis Langdon and Padgham & Partners have formed a joint partnership, Davis Langdon Padgham, for the project. This venture will bring together the experience and resources of two national companies, each with a work history on major health care facilities both in Australia and overseas including the Austin Hospital and Mercy Redevelopment in Melbourne.

Davis Langdon's Hobart office was established in 1971. It has an extensive history in providing the quantity surveying services for major health facility developments around the state, from the LGH Development in 1975 to the RHH Infill Building in 2006/07.

More information on the hospital project can be found at www.newroyal.tas.gov.au.

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