

## CSG WINS \$30M DEET CONTRACT



The CSG hangar at Darwin International Airport from where the company launches their remote community air services.

**TERRITORY** IT listed company, CSG Limited, has been successful in its tender to be appointed preferred contractor to the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training (DEET) to provide Service Centre, Facilities Management and Systems Integration Services to NT schools and the corporate business units.

The \$30M million contract is over 5 years commencing in January 2008, and covers all schools in the Territory and DEET Corporate Users.

CSG's winning tender offers new technology and improved service levels for all Northern Territory schools, with the contract covering more than 10,000 desktops.

CSG Limited also announced it has acquired Melbourne based business Anadex Pty Ltd, Australian leaders in the sale of HP ServiceCenter (ITIL / Service Desk), HP AssetCenter and related HP Software toolsets.

Anadex is an HP software partner with a focus on software sales and delivery of process and tool related consulting services.

### NT continues strong economic growth

**FIGURES** released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show NT retail trade grew by 11.1% - the second highest increase in the country and well above the national average of 6.6%.

The ABS also showed the Territory's goods trade surplus increased by \$1.2B to record a surplus of \$1.1B.

Treasurer Syd Stirling said the economic indicators are showing continued growth for the Territory.

The Sensis Business Index was released showing Territory businesses have had the most profitable quarter in the country and are confident about the year ahead.

The Sensis survey reflects the retail figures with a 27% growth in profitability over the last quarter for small business.

Business confidence about the year ahead also rose 4% in the last quarter – and 8% increase on the same time last year – making Territory businesses the second most confident in the country.

### Casino to undergo \$30M expansion

**THE SKYCITY CASINO** in Darwin is preparing to undergo a \$30M expansion and upgrade starting next month.

Skycity will expand the main gaming floor by 1200 sq m and upgrading its gaming facilities.

It will build a 180-seat Italian restaurant, a first floor balcony an elevated car park, and will extend the Sunset Deck overlooking the sea.

### \$14M tank investment for Vopak

**CONSTRUCTION** of a \$14 million acid storage tank at Vopak's East Arm Terminal was announced by Chief Minister Clare Martin.

Ms Martin said the new tank meant that major mining companies could source sulphuric acid locally instead of importing it from overseas.

"This project is a vote of confidence in the Territory's already strong mining industry, with the sulphuric acid to supply some of the NT's biggest mining operations," said Ms Martin.

Vopak's Managing Director Ron Dickinson said the company had invested \$115 million to date on the Tank Farm.

### Construction starts on Waterfront hotels

**WORK** has started on two hotels at the Darwin Waterfront – a 121-room Medina Apartment Hotel and a 120-room Vibe Hotel – with both scheduled to open in early 2009.

General Manager of Toga Constructions NT, David Cvirm, said construction of the hotels is expected to result in substantial contracts and more than 200 jobs for Territorians.

"We have already awarded contracts valued at more than \$14M to local companies including Cullen Bay Electrical, Top End Plumbing and NT Waterproofing," said Mr Cvirm.

So far, contracts valued at around \$135M have been awarded to Territorians during construction of the Darwin Waterfront.