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PRESS STATEMENT: 27/10/70  
FROM: THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN)  
SUBJECT: SIMSMETAL (AUST.) PTY. LTD.

A major expansion programme in the ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal industry was announced today by the Premier and Minister of Development (Mr. Dunstan).

Mr. Dunstan said that Simsmetal (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. is to develop its Gillman steel yard at a cost of about \$1M.

"The plant will eventually cover an area of 22 acres.

It will include office additions, crane extensions of 300 feet and the construction of a new overhead crane gantry of 600 feet, the installation of a new scrap steel baling press, and the resiting of a scrap steel shearing machine which is at present located at Brompton."

Mr. Dunstan said that the Company had also reached agreement with the S.A. Railways on the construction of a spur line into the complex from the Dry Creek railway, following discussions with the S.A. Railways.

He said that the expansion of Sims Consolidated Ltd., indicated that the company, which is now the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, had a high regard for South Australia's industrial prospects.

"This had been forcibly put to me by local executives of the company.

"The construction of the spur line from the Dry Creek railway will enable the company to greatly increase its use of railway transport."

"It will be placed in direct rail contact with the standard gauge line linking Adelaide with the Eastern States, and will enable the company to have direct rail transport contact with the BHP plants at Whyalla.

"The company has indicated that its intention is to use rail facilities to the fullest extent, thus enabling it to handle a greater intake of metals and maintain deliveries. It will eliminate to a great extent the use of road transport."

Mr. Dunstan also announced that the Brompton steel yard of Simsmetal (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., will ultimately cease shearing and pressing

operations and will only be used for purchasing purposes.

"The setting up of modern machinery for the processing of scrap metals at Gillman will assist in combating the pollution problem in the Hindmarsh/Brompton areas, which has been concerning the Government for some time".

"The copper division has been removed from Bowden and with the aluminium Division of Simsmetal Ltd., has been centralised at Monmouth Street, Croydon, under the name of C.M.P. Aluminium and Copper Pty. Ltd.

"The consolidation of the company's non-ferrous ingot production in Croydon at a total cost of \$250,000 has meant that the company is now running the most up to date foundry of its kind in Australia.

"It is heartening to see that the company has installed at a cost of \$55,000 a dust collecting system at the foundry which will completely eliminate the problem of smoke nuisance".

"The expanded operations of the company follow Simsmetal's recent merger with Consolidated Metal Products Ltd., the Sydney based firm, which in recent years was involved in the takeover of W. Brown and Sons Pty. Ltd.

"The name of the parent company has now been changed from Simsmetal (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. to Sims Consolidated Ltd.

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