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BISALLOY EXPANSION

In accordance with the listing rules, attached is a copy of an announcement for release to the market today.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Cleland', is written over a white background.

David Cleland
Company Secretary

MEDIA RELEASE

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ATLAS ANNOUNCES EXPANSION AT BISALLOY STEELS

The Atlas Group, Australasia's leading supplier of specialty metals and only domestic producer of Quench & Tempered steel plate, has announced a \$4million commitment to increase capacity by 30% at its Bisalloy Steels manufacturing plant.

Bisalloy is Australasia's only producer of specialist Q&T steel plate, a material used in applications where hardness or wear-resistance is paramount. Bisalloy enjoys strong brand recognition and presence in the market segments requiring this product – primarily mining, fabrication and defence (armour plate).

"Bisalloy has experienced strong demand for its premium plate, both from domestic and export markets" said Dr Martin Foreman, Atlas' Managing Director. "Although Bisalloy successfully completed a 25% capacity upgrade late last year, the Board is so encouraged by the outlook for sustained growth in demand for Q&T plate that we have committed \$4million targeting a further 30% capacity expansion."

The investment involves the installation of a second shot-blaster at the manufacturing plant at Unanderra NSW, together with modifications to make material handling more efficient. This will remove the current production bottleneck caused by having a single shot blaster, thereby increasing furnace utilization. Nominal plant throughput is expected to increase from 160 tonnes per day to 220 tonnes per day.

"This investment demonstrates Bisalloy's commitment to maintaining market leadership. It is low risk and provides an attractive return. We expect the new equipment to be installed and operating by October 2006" said Dr Foreman. "Our competency and consistency at Bisalloy provides the opportunity for growth".

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