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INTERNATIONAL AND AWLGRIP EXPAND OPERATIONS

Tony Keegan, General Manager Asia Pacific for AkzoNobel's International and Awlgrip® yacht paint brands has announced three major expansion plans for the business in 2011.

“On 21 February we open a brand new warehouse and office in Rozelle, under the Anzac Bridge on Sydney Harbour and directly next door to Sydney City Marine, Sydney's premier Superyacht facility.

“Tradesmen throughout the region will find this a far more convenient location when purchasing International and Awlgrip products as they will be able to pick up product on the same day allowing them to carry less stock. We can also offer almost any colour from the Awlgrip Awlmix tinting system on the same day for professional users.”

The second stage is the construction of a fully integrated yacht paint application training centre at the Gold Coast City Marina next door to our head office for Asia Pacific. “This facility will be dedicated to paint application training for customers and staff throughout Asia Pacific. It is a fully enclosed, ventilated spray booth with a meeting room for lectures” said Keegan.

The final stage will be the expansion of the current Gold Coast warehouse at the Gold Coast City Marina. “The site will be the distribution centre for both brands for Asia Pacific and will also encompass laboratory facilities for research and development”.

“This is an exciting period as we lay the foundations for a future that will see Asia Pacific being a major player in the world yacht building and maintenance markets.”

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