



# Jobs boost in \$20m ore project

## Conveyor belt to be built over road

Jobs could be created as part of a proposed multi-million-dollar iron ore export contract for Port Pirie.

Goldstream Mining has revealed that our city's wharf is the hot favorite site for its export operation.

The export component alone is predicted to be worth more than \$20 million.

Company director Stephen Hunt said there would be extensive employment opportunities in railing, maintenance, construction and wharf-side work.

The company is considering two local areas on or near the city's docks to build its depot and transport links.

"We are looking at the old Shell site or alternatively another site in the Flinders Ports wharf area," Mr Hunt said.

The deal is expected to be sealed within a month after the company wins final approval from its Chinese partner.

If the contract goes ahead, more than 1.4 million tonnes of iron ore – worth more than \$US62 million - would be brought into Port Pirie during the first year of operation, with a chance the volume could increase as mining activities expand.

The product would arrive by train from the company's mine south of Coober Pedy.

It is expected the iron ore would be

stored in a shed before being taken on a conveyor belt over the road to a waiting barge at berth seven.

A tugboat will then take the barge out to the Spencer Gulf where a waiting ship would transport the load to Asia.

The ship would not be able to enter the Port Pirie River because of its shallow channel.

The former Shell site is owned by the State Government, and Goldstream has not entered any lease discussion with the Land Management Corporation.

Mr Hunt reassured the community that any conveyor systems and sheds would comply with Environment Protection Authority regulations.

He has been liaising regularly with the Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board and recently met Mayor Geoff Brock.

Development board executive manager Mark Malcolm welcomed the proposal.

"If this was to go ahead, it will more than double the total throughput of the port," Mr Malcolm said, adding that there would also be "significant benefits" for the community in the employment sector.

"And once the tug and barge system is proven and operating from Port Pirie, other resource sector companies may look at using a similar model," he said.