

Singtel Optus Expands its Sydney Base

Construction began in 2004-05 on a new Optus campus in Macquarie Park. More than 6,000 Optus employees will relocate to the premises in 2007. The project will house the company's Australian headquarters as well as all areas of the company from customer service and engineering through to corporate services.

The Macquarie Park facility will achieve a four and a half star rating (out of five) base building rating under "SEDA" Australian Greenhouse rating and significantly reduces Optus' future environmental footprint.

Optus is a leading integrated telecommunications company. Since commencing operations in 1992, Optus has invested more than \$10 billion in the construction of fixed, mobile and satellite networks, including central business district and suburban local access networks. These networks enable the delivery of integrated communications, information and entertainment services.

Optus has a mobile subscriber base of 6.55 million, which translates to a 33 per cent market share, and its broadband base is 618,000.

Optus chose Macquarie Park as it is Australia's future leading technology address. Macquarie Park has been identified as a strategic part of the State's Metropolitan Strategy with major improvements in transport infrastructure developments in the area to be completed in 2007/08.

The New South Wales Department of State and Regional Development (DSRD) backed the Optus move from North Sydney to Macquarie Park and provided strategic advice on options for infrastructure development and approvals required.

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