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## Boulderstone Achieves National Safety Milestone on Townsville Defence Project

The Boulderstone team will today receive national recognition for its continued safety excellence for its work on the Australian Defence Department's \$32 million Enhanced Land Force (ELF) Infrastructure project in Townsville.

Boulderstone and its contractor team achieved a copy book record for project delivery, clocking up 78,000 hours without incurring a single lost time injury (LTI).

Federal Safety Commissioner (FSC) Helen Marshall will visit the Lavarak Barracks to present Boulderstone with its Australian Government Building and Construction Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Re-accreditation, following the company's initial accreditation 3 years ago.

Local company Penfold Projects will also be recognised with a special project safety award.

Boulderstone's Regional Manager - North Queensland, Gary Butler, said the re-accreditation recognised Boulderstone's continued commitment to safety leadership.

"We have five core steps to best practice when it comes to safety and our ELF team have really delivered on this project," Mr Butler said.

"This is an eight stage project and at its peak, we have 85 people on the ELF site per week, employed across 35 sub-contracting companies.

"As well as our own Boulderstone team, up to 90% of our sub-contractors are local companies and we feel a strong responsibility to ensure safety is an ingrained, active part of daily practice and not a vague ideal.

"We share the FSC's vision of a building and construction industry where no one is harmed."

He said safety was a primary focus in delivering project excellence for all Boulderstone's clients and its partners.

"Through our *Safety Matters* campaign we have worked hard to increase awareness of safety hazards in the workplace and we reward great safety behaviour on all our projects.

"We are pleased to share our OHS expertise with local contractors who commit to our *Safety Journey* and actively deliver best safety practice on each project."

The Boulderstone Top Five Steps to Safety in Construction are:

1. Commitment and understanding by managers and workers of safety responsibilities.
2. Consultation and communication between all trades and contractors on site to ensure safety procedures and decisions are actively implemented.
3. Recognition safety is a journey that never ends – safe work procedures are constantly reviewed, updated and improved upon.
4. Training and supervision is field based and practical. Supervisors live and breathe safety procedures and are not office bound. Supervisors conduct CHATS (Construction Hazard Assessment Talk(S) to ensure everyone on site is aware of safety procedures.
5. Regular reporting of safety success and opportunities for safety improvement. If someone sees something unsafe, work is stopped, the incident reported and the procedure reviewed.

The Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme strictly examines the OHS management systems of participating companies.

Participating companies open their project gates for on-site inspections from the FSC and submit detailed submissions in order to secure accreditation. Certificated companies are then able to bid for construction work that is funded directly or indirectly by the Australian government.

The ELF Infrastructure project works includes construction of new base entrance (including guard house and pass office), a site wide High Voltage upgrade, a new weapons training building, upgrades to the medical centre, a new 3 kilometre road, sewage and water upgrades, and new training facilities (obstacle course).

Project works began in August 2009 and is scheduled for completion in December 2010.

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Further information and images available on request.

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#### About Boulderstone

Boulderstone has been 'Creating what matters' in Australian building and infrastructure for its clients and the community for over 80 years. It is one of the largest building and engineering companies in Australia, with over 1,400 people across the country, and an annual turnover in excess of \$2bn. Its iconic achievements include the Sydney Opera House, Sydney's Anzac Bridge, Brisbane's Story Bridge, Melbourne's Etihad Stadium and Adelaide Convention Centre. Boulderstone is the winner of the Contractor Excellence award at the 2010 National Infrastructure Awards.