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## Press release

### **VINCI wins the Goro Nickel port construction contract**

VINCI, through its subsidiaries VINCI Construction Grands Projets and Dumez-GTM Calédonie, signed the contract on 10 August to build the port of Goro Nickel in Prony Bay south of Noumea in New Caledonia.

The contract, which has a value of \$75 million, will be carried out under an integrated joint venture by a consortium made up of McConnell Dowell, VINCI Construction Grands Projets, Socalmo and Dumez-GTM Calédonie. VINCI has a 40% share.

The project calls for construction of two 190 m long wharves and two 90 m de long metal-based approach jetties as well as earthmoving for the access to the future nickel facilities. The work, which is being performed for Inco subsidiary Goro Nickel, will get under way immediately and is scheduled for completion in September 2006.

VINCI Construction Grands Projets and Dumez-GTM Calédonie are already operating in the region, where they are working in partnership to build the Goro Nickel coal-fired conventional thermal power station for Prony Energies SAS. The works, with a value of €46 million, will be completed in June 2006.

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#### PRONY

The 2 x 50 MW conventional thermal power station will supply electricity to the local grid as well as to a nickel processing plant, which GORO NICKEL hopes to build in Prony. The project is made up of several buildings and premises designed to withstand winds of 200 kph.