

# Aussie made and owned still the best.

Perth

Looking at some of the recent major resource and infrastructure developments undertaken in Australia, it seems that there is a perception on some of these projects that foreign-owned construction contractors are still the best choice to execute large construction contracts in Australia.

Modern Industries Managing Director, Andrew White, says a recent spate of foreign acquisitions of Australian companies has the potential to erode the development of Australian expertise and reinvestment of Australian equity in Australian goods and services. In particular, UK, European and US companies are competing for Australian contracts through their local acquisitions and offices and they promote the benefits of their international experience as if it isn't available within Australian companies.

"Many of the home grown Australian companies are now managed by Australians with incredible international experience." Mr White said.

"Australians have shown over the years that they are willing to travel to difficult locations, work in tough

conditions and produce outstanding results for other international foreign companies.

"Now they are applying their skills and expertise to Australian companies at home and abroad and the foreign companies are trying to buy back the expertise through acquisitions. We believe the days of needing foreign company involvement in Australian construction projects has passed.

"We are international

comes to understanding local conditions, particularly industrial relations and productivity."

Modern Industries is currently developing a solution for the transportation of LNG in standard shipping container units, LNG ISO-tainers, which is expected to attract significant interest from customers requiring a cleaner energy solution in areas such as remote mines and communities.

**Modern Industries has successfully completed works for government, utilities, public and private companies in Australia and the Pacific Rim for over 25 years.**

contractors –we just happen to be Australian with global experience.

"The people in our team have worked all over the world. Between us there isn't a continent we haven't worked on or an energy and resources industry sector where one of us has not had involvement.

"When you take that expertise and experience into account, adding the benefits of our offices in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and South Africa, we are well ahead of foreign-owned competitors working in our backyard when it

The Company began in the early eighties and soon became a leader in the insulation industry in Western Australia. Its growth into an international multi disciplined manufacturing, maintenance and construction services organisation is impressive.

This is particularly evident with the development this year of the new scaffolding services subsidiary Modern Access Services Pty Ltd managed by Jim Anderson which was born out of the old PCH Group Ltd's major projects team.



Andrew White of Modern Industries. Picture Grant Currall

Modern Industries it works to produce services major industrial and resource projects for the mining, energy, oil and gas sector in Australia and South East Asia, as well as the commercial building sector in WA.

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