



# Media release

## **The Hon Dr Denis Naphthine MP**

Premier  
Minister for Regional Cities  
Minister for Racing

## **The Hon David Hodgett MP**

Minister for Major Projects  
Minister for Manufacturing  
Minister for Ports

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## **Qenos expansion secures 400 manufacturing jobs**

The official opening of the \$195 million redevelopment of Qenos in Melbourne's west will secure hundreds of jobs and reinforce Victoria's reputation as a leading manufacturing state, Premier Denis Naphthine said today.

Dr Naphthine joined the President of China National Bluestar Group, Mr Robert Lu; the Executive Chairman of Qenos, Mr Ross McCann; and Qenos CEO Mr Jonathan Clancy to celebrate the landmark event in Altona today.

"This is a great day for Victoria and a massive boost for manufacturing in Melbourne's west," Dr Naphthine said.

"Qenos represents one of China's largest investments in Victoria with more than 400 full time staff employed at this site.

"It is the largest manufacturer of plastics and petrochemicals in Australia and this \$195 million redevelopment will boost production by a further 20 per cent.

"This upgrade involves converting ethane gas, from Longford, into steam to drive turbines and generate power for Qenos' operations.

"It also includes a number of plant upgrades that will support research and development programs to develop new high value-added products.

"The Victorian Government is delighted to have provided more than \$10 million to assist Qenos in ensuring the long-term future of this key asset and securing manufacturing jobs in Melbourne's west," Dr Naphthine said.

Minister for Manufacturing David Hodgett said Victoria was the heartland of advanced manufacturing in Australia, employing more than 300,000 people.

"This investment is a fantastic show of faith in the Victorian manufacturing industry and the Victorian economy," Mr Hodgett said.

"It also represents a long-term commitment to Victoria by Qenos, which is owned by ChemChina – one of China's largest companies.

"China is Victoria's number one trading partner and this redevelopment will further strengthen this relationship," Mr Hodgett said.

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