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Common User Demonstration facility will strengthen future prosperity

The Queensland Government's funding announcement for a mineral demonstration facility made today by Minister Dick, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment, has been welcomed by the Association of Mining and Exploration (AMEC).

"The project will help Queensland to undertake downstream processing of a range of critical minerals and accelerate mineral development projects throughout Queensland," said Warren Pearce, Chief Executive Officer of AMEC.

"A demonstration processing facility is unlikely to be fully funded without Government assistance, this boost of at least \$10M locks in long term benefits, without effecting existing capital or operations."

The first Mining Lease for Vanadium was Granted in Queensland for the Multicom Resources Saint Elmo Project this year in September.

A common user Minerals Processing Demonstration Plant lowers a barrier of entry for companies to decide to invest domestically as developing demonstration processing plant is unobtainable for many companies. Other mineral projects in the region will use this facility, with Graphite, Lithium, Copper, Phosphate, High Purity Alumina and Silicon all able to use elements of a facility like this.

"A common user Minerals Processing Demonstration Plant has been a significant advocacy effort by AMEC over the last year as current facilities are not sufficient. They undertake smaller 'batch processing' which is too small volume and done over too short a period of time to produce the material required by potential offtake customers."

"With the pipeline of Vanadium projects emerging in Julia Creek, such as the QEM project, the timing for this facility is ideal to place Queensland as a serious supplier in the international Critical Minerals supply chain. A common user facility will make it cheaper for a developing miner to do the necessary due diligence to invest further downstream, bringing more value adding opportunities to the state," said Mr Pearce.

AMEC's Briefing Note to Government on "Common User Infrastructure for mineral processing" can be [read here](#).

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