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Accommodating Western Australia's multi-million dollar need

Mining and resource companies need modern employee accommodation facilities to support the growth of their projects.

To meet current market conditions, these companies also need flexibility in how these accommodation facilities are packaged.

Industry leaders BHP Billiton have recently turned to Australia's largest modular builder, Ausco Modular, to design, build, construct, and deliver complete modular building solutions for their on-site accommodation needs.

Ausco Modular has been contracted to construct BHP Billiton's \$36million 1200-bed mining accommodation village at the Spinifex mine in Yandi, north of Newman in Western Australia.

Ausco Modular West Australian Regional Manager James Rowdon said Ausco was chosen to construct the village because of its experience in the mining and resources industry and its ability to deliver custom-designed "turn-key" packages.

"Ausco Modular can create an accommodation solution to meet a client's specific need for a particular project.

"Our strong capabilities in engineering and design, building, greenfield construction, and project management led BHP to select Ausco Modular for this project," Mr Rowdon said.

"We'll use all these skills and work closely with BHP to deliver this village to its requirements."

Ausco Modular will construct the village and will also design, manufacture, and install the village's central facilities, including the gym, tavern, kitchen, administration buildings, recreation room, and computer room. Ausco Modular will also construct the in-situ dining room.

"BHP designed the village and has lifted the standards in location, facilities, and appearance.

"The village will be constructed on a closed-slope, giving residents a great aspect," Mr Rowdon said.

Ausco will bring the project to life with a team of around 50 people working on the project including some sub-contractors for jobs such as installing the pool and communication connections.

"A project on the scale of BHP's 1,200-bed village requires a company that has a complete understanding of the modular building industry and the logistics of organising large-scale building operations," Mr Rowdon said.



“Ausco Modular installs at least two 1000-plus-bed villages each year, proving our ability to deliver projects of this large scale,”

For other projects, the company’s access to its 12,000-strong fleet of hire buildings allows it quickly to add or remove buildings to and from its customer’s sites as they require.

Ausco Modular also has its Build, Own, and Operate mining accommodation villages program to give customers the choice of operating their villages themselves or having Ausco operate their villages for them.

“The Build, Own, and Operate program offers CEOs flexibility and freedom in fitting out their accommodation villages,” Mr Rowdon said.

The modular building company’s breadth of capabilities – both in terms of its wide product and service offerings and its presence across different industries and regions – gives it the strength to stand with the mining industry in tough times and continue offering custom-designed building solutions.

And the range of finance options – from rental to outright purchase – ensures Ausco can respond to a client’s individual circumstances in difficult economic conditions.

Completion of BHP’s Spinifex Ridge mine accommodation village is scheduled for January 2010. It will become a flagship project for future mining accommodation projects.

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