

MEDIA RELEASE

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CHANNEL OPTIMISATION PROJECT WORK BEGINS

Kimberley Ports Authority (**KPA**) has engaged Total AMS Pty Ltd (**TAMS**) to remove Channel Rock Beacon and the supporting piles and old pile remnants embedded in the seabed at the Beacon site.

Works will commence during neap tides from April 11 and extend through to May 15, with stoppages in between to accommodate the tides. In the interest of safety neap tides were identified as the best timing for the works to proceed.

TAMS vessel – AMS Boss – a 9.8 metre multi-cat vessel has arrived in Broome to undertake the beacon removal work and will be assisted by a smaller dive support vessel - AMS 1.

Initially the top structure of the beacon will be removed and a temporary special marker buoy will be deployed to mark Channel Rock. The remainder of the project will entail removing the piles from the sea bed.

Recreational boat owners are requested to adhere to a 150 metre exclusion zone around the Total AMS vessels while working in the port approach channel.

The removal of the beacon and piles are necessary for the dredging works to proceed unimpeded in mid-2019.

Contractor Jan De Nul have been awarded the dredging contract and will deploy to Broome after finalising work for the Pilbara Ports Authority in mid-2019.

For more information visit KPA's website: <https://www.kimberleyports.wa.gov.au/> and read the Channel Optimisation Project Update or for mariners the Local Marine Notices that provide specific information on the location of the Channel Rock Beacon works.

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