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CLYDE INDUSTRIES EXPANSION.

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A \$1-million expansion programme by the engineering firm, Clyde Industries Ltd., for the manufacture of diesel electric locomotives and rolling stock was today announced by the Premier, Mr. Dunstan.

The project will result in the Company's workforce at its Rosewater plant rising from the present two hundred to an eventual one thousand.

Clyde Industries will transfer their present locomotive assembly operation from Granville, New South Wales, to South Australia.

The Company's General Manager (Operations), Mr. Owen G. Edwards, said this together with two 50-ton cranes would service not only diesel locomotives in South Australia, but also heavy engineering fabrication.

"This will enable us to produce Clyde-GM diesel electric locomotives up to the present capacity of the range, which extends up to locomotives of 6,600 gross horse power".

The Rosewater complex will have 12 acres and at least 200,000 square feet of factory area.

Mr. Edwards explained that by 1975 the locomotive replacement programme will be well under way and in the later seventies this plant should be employing between 750 and 1,000 employees.

The Clyde investment in South Australian plants already totals some \$10-million and at least an additional \$1-million will be invested in the Rosewater plant.

The Company also planned that this plant would supply the future needs of all the southern and eastern states with the exception of Queensland.

Clyde Industries began operations in South Australia some twenty years ago when it acquired Apac Industries.

Apac has now developed into a complex industrial manufacturing organisation in the fields of automotive accessories, material handling and other products.

Clyde also developed further interests in South Australia including the sheet metal and container manufacturer Norman R. Wright Pty. Ltd., and Mechanical Handling Pty. Ltd.

"This third phase of development is a further reflection of Clyde's confidence in the future of South Australia and its advantages for an operation of this type", Mr. Edwards said.

The Premier welcomed the Company's programme.

He said it would provide South Australians with significant new job opportunities and further consolidate the State's industrial base.