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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR DUNSTAN.

ANSETT COMPLEX.

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A 22-storey Ansett Centre, including a fully licensed Gateway Inn with 237 first class bedrooms, will be built on the former site of the famous South Australian Hotel in Adelaide, the Premier, Mr Dunstan, announced today.

The complex, 218 feet high, will be one of the tallest buildings in Adelaide. Capital cost of the project will be more than \$9M.

The site is bounded by North Terrace, Gresham Street and Woodsons Lane.

The complex will incorporate the Gateway Inn, Ansett Airlines of Australia and Ansett Airlines of South Australia terminals, office accommodation, a shopping arcade, and car parking and other facilities.

There are similar buildings in Perth and Brisbane.

The Ansett Centre will be set back 30 feet from the North Terrace boundary to create a large forecourt on three levels. Part of this area will be used as an open air plaza where customers will be able to enjoy coffee and liquor in the sunshine, the Premier said.

Trees near the site will be retained to complement the plaza. The ground floor entrance to the Gateway Inn's reception area, public and saloon bars, bottle shop and coffee shop will be from North Terrace.

The main entrance to the Airlines' terminals and overseas traffic offices will be from the corner of North Terrace and Gresham Street.

Mr Dunstan said, the Gateway Inn's Club Bar will be on the first floor and its restaurant, function rooms, cocktail bar and kitchen facilities will be on the second floor.

A shopping arcade will link North Terrace and Gresham Streets. The shops in this arcade and office space in the Ansett Centre will be available for leasing.

The building will have 60,000 square feet of office space on four floors. The Ansett organisation will occupy one floor.

The Gateway Inn will be fully licensed, with 237 first class bedrooms, and will have a swimming pool and sauna baths on the roof level.

Dining rooms, function rooms, bars and other facilities will meet the highest standards of decor and furnishing.

Guests will have the use of a two-level car park, with accommodation for more than 100 cars.

Airporter coaches plying to and from Adelaide Airport will use off-street under-cover parking bays within the terminal area.

The Chairman and Managing Director of Ansett Transport Industries, Sir Reginald Ansett, said the site was ideal. It was close to the Adelaide Festival Theatre, North Terrace and the city's shopping and commercial area.

Work is expected to start early in the new year, to be completed within two years.

The Ansett Centre is being developed by Civil and Civic. The architects are Perrott, Lyon, Timlock & Kesa.

Ansett Transport Industries Ltd. entered the hotel field soon after World War II as part of its tourist activities.

It now operates ten hotels or motels throughout Australia and Papua New Guinea, including the Barrier Reef Resort, Hayman Island. Similar Gateway Inn complexes are planned for all Australian capital cities.

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