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PRESS STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.

TUBEMAKERS PLANT EXPANSION.

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The B.T.M. Division of Tubemakers of Australia Limited will spend nearly \$2M. to expand their cold drawn precision steel tube making facilities at Kilburn, the Premier (Mr. Dunstan), announced today.

Equipment will include a new heavy duty drawbench, a 2½ ton controlled atmosphere heat treatment furnace, relocation and lengthening of present drawbenches, building extensions and other testing, finishing and servicing facilities.

The new equipment is the most modern and efficient available in the world and will cater for increasing demand for years ahead.

At the same time as the installation of equipment for precision steel tube, the stainless steel tube producing facilities will be consolidated into a new specially designed factory extension made necessary by the growing demand for stainless steel.

The Premier said, "The programme, to commence in October, 1971, will be complete in December, 1972".

Tubemakers B.T.M. Division factory was established in 1938 at Kilburn and is the largest precision tube producing factory in Australia.

Hot finished tubes are produced at Tubemakers factories in Newcastle and welded tubes at several centres in N.S.W. and Victoria, as well as Kilburn.

Other manufacturing expansion projects recently completed or nearing completion at B.T.M. Division, Kilburn, include high pressure cylinders, automotive components and the Bundy Tube factory which bring total work force to well over 2,000, Mr. Dunstan said.