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McConnell Dowell committed to Code of Practice for the Building and Construction Industry

As reported in the Australian media recently, an audit conducted by the Victorian Construction Code Compliance Unit (CCCU) at the Springvale Level Crossing Removal Project in 2013, has led to the State Minister for Finance imposing a sanction on McConnell Dowell.

This sanction prevents McConnell Dowell from tendering for or registering an interest in Victorian Government funded building and construction projects for three months. The sanction commenced on 15 September 2014 and will end on 14 December 2014.

The CCCU determined that McConnell Dowell had breached the Victorian Code of Practice for the Building and Construction Industry by engaging a labour hire company in a way that did not comply with the approved Workplace Relations Management Plan.

This is an isolated incident and not reflective of McConnell Dowell's business practices.

McConnell Dowell is committed to the intent and principles of the Victorian Code of Practice for the Building and Construction Industry.

McConnell Dowell has provided the Victorian Government with undertakings and evidence that improvements have been made to its procurement practices to ensure this remains an isolated incident.

McConnell Dowell has:

- Established a protocol for all projects to ensure all breaches of the Code are reported;
- Reviewed all standard procurement contracts to ensure they are compliant;
- Commenced the establishment of a panel of prequalified and compliant labour hire suppliers through a competitive tender process;
- Implemented a training program across all project sites to ensure compliance;
- Held regular meetings with the CCCU to ensure ongoing compliance.

In the meantime McConnell Dowell is actively pursuing numerous other projects across Australia that are unaffected by the sanction.

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