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Comino Research Centre

## Comino Research Centre to Promote Safety and Education

Dexion Limited Managing Director, Mr. Brent Fuller, recently opened the Comino Research Centre, a dedicated research and training centre located in Dexion's Kings Park New South Wales manufacturing facility. During his opening speech, Mr. Fuller paid tribute

to the company's founder, Demetrius Comino, and said it was fitting that the research and training centre had been named after him.

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and long term commitment to the development of the safest and most innovative storage solutions," said Mr. Fuller "and this facility is testament that this commitment is very much a focus for the company today. Comino also believed that all members of the 'Dexion family' should strive to learn more and be better at their respective jobs. The educational element to this facility will enhance that vision."

The Comino Research Centre has been some 10 years in the planning and according to Seamus Redmond, Executive General Manager – Technical Services, it's a first for the Australian industry.

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‘brand compatible products’, we believe the opening of the Comino Research Centre is a first for the Australian market and could not have come at a better time.” said Redmond. “Our customers have always known that “worlds best practice” is behind every Dexion product and installation, now they can see for themselves the size of investment and the vigorous testing that’s required to make that claim.”

The Comino Research is equipped with the most advanced resources to support Dexion’s research and development program. Dexion has had all its products tested to European Racking Standard FEM 10.2.02 and holds the quality certificate ISO 9001-2000 for the design, manufacture and

installation of steel rack structures. The new and unique ‘Structural Test Rig’ has been engineered and manufactured to Dexion’s exacting specifications to ensure the testing process is of international standard and FEM compliant.

“Over the years Dexion has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars having products tested to FEM Standards in Universities and testing laboratories all over the world,” said Redmond. “The Comino Research Centre reduces our reliance on these over seas facilities.

“The centre enables us to increase the speed in which we can test products; it also enhances Dexion’s ability to test new products and get them to

market quicker. We are able to test all components in a rack system for example, which includes base plates, beam-end connectors, beams and rack protection systems,” he said “and we’re able to test competitor products if required. We also have a terrific educational environment, for the continued training of our staff,” he said.

Dexion’s Structural Engineering team consists of 4 fully qualified structural engineers capable of conducting tests to FEM 10.2.02 as well as AS4084 and making seismic calculations on products and installations for all around the world. This is just another demonstration that Dexion is leading the way for its’ customers by ensuring that their storage installations are structurally safe.