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Construction to begin at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA Brookfield Multiplex awarded \$142m construction contract

Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA announced that Brookfield Multiplex, a leading global contractor, has been awarded the construction contract for Sydney's first integrated cancer facility at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital precinct, Camperdown, Sydney.

Mr Tim Dugan, CEO of the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse said "We are delighted to announce Brookfield Multiplex's appointment. Their reputation and history of delivery on major construction projects, both at a global level and here in Sydney, make them the obvious partner to deliver The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA".

The \$142 million project, at Missenden Road in Camperdown, New South Wales will build on the reputation of RPA and integrate clinical care, research and education, creating opportunities for innovative discoveries, compassionate holistic care and better outcomes for patients living with cancer.

"Brookfield Multiplex's appointment marks another major milestone for the project and with construction due to start in September; Chris' vision is getting closer to reality every day."

The nine storey, 43,500 square metre facility is due for completion in mid 2013 and will include ambulatory clinics, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, day surgery, integrative medicine, dry research, imaging facilities, pathology collection and offices. This stage will also include the construction of the shell for two additional floors to house in-patient beds and further research facilities.

"An inspirational vision has guided the design philosophy for Lifehouse which is set to become a world-class facility for patients, their families and carers. Brookfield Multiplex is very pleased to be appointed to build such an important project for the community," said Mr David Ghannoum, NSW/QLD Managing Director at Brookfield Multiplex.

Rice Daubney has been appointed as architects on the project and have designed a building that will facilitate parallel therapies including an integrated medicine unit with a broader cancer community focus.

Taking a lead from world leading practices, patient rooms will have abundant natural light with access to healing gardens, terraces and balconies. A central atrium will also serve as a sanctuary for patients and staff.

Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD) features include an increased thermal mass and considered placement of windows on the western facade to eliminate the need for external sun-shading while the eastern and northern facade will feature glass louvers providing filtered light and privacy to maximise daylight as well as eliminate glare. All patient rooms will have natural ventilation through balcony doors.

The facility will also incorporate a tri-generation system to significantly improve energy efficiency.

“We have a genuine motivation to deliver the vision created by Professor Chris O’Brien and look forward to translating it into a functional, sustainable built solution,” said Mr Ghannoum.

The Chris O’Brien Lifehouse at RPA has been shortlisted in the Future Projects Health category of the World Architecture Festival Awards 2011. The Awards are the world’s largest architectural awards programme and celebrates the achievements of a huge variety of architectural practices. The shortlist was selected from 704 entries, from 59 different countries.

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