

Pedal to the acquisition metal

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METAL recycling group CMA Corporation has just completed the acquisition of Singapore-based scrap metal trader Peakmore Enterprise Pte, closing the deal on the latest chapter in the Sydney business' ongoing expansion strategy. By Alex Forrest

CMA secured the Singaporean metals processor and trader for \$A5.2 million.

CMA managing director Peter Hatfull said the acquisition of Peakmore provided CMA with its first permanent site in the Asian market.

"We look forward to building on the trading presence we already have in the region," Hatfull said.

CMA Corporation is involved in several processes surrounding the procurement of scrap metal, ranging from decommissioning large-scale mining and industrial plant, to site demolition and site clearance.



Mining and industrial plant decommission and demolition is big business, and far more involved than blowing up chimney stacks and chopping up plant equipment.

The company also carries out decontamination works, asbestos removal and can provide consulting services for site closure plans.

CMA was formed in 2005 through a merger of demolition specialist Moltoni Adams and scrap metals trader T&T Group, but can trace its origins back to 1973.

After listing on the Australian Securities Exchange in July 2005, and in the face of cost blowouts and an initial lack of contracts, CMA began a front-footed takeover plan.

The company expanded its presence into two strategic locations. Last year it acquired Port Hedland-based metals company J&M Metals, and T&T Metal and Asbestos Services, which gave CMA access to southeast Queensland markets.

In July 2006, CMA won a major contract for the deconstruction and clearance on buildings and conveying equipment an iron ore handling plant in Port Hedland.

Hatfull said at the time the contract confirmed the company's ability to secure major deconstruction jobs in the mining and heavy industry sectors.

In July 2007, CMA completed the acquisition of scrap metals recycling company Southern Recycling, and in May it settled on the purchase of Mann Metals, another Queensland-based metals trading and recycling group.

CMA stocks were steady at 49.5c in early afternoon trading.

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