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CEC Group ship houses to Aurukun

The Cairns based CEC Group have been awarded a State Government contract to build the company's unique RapidBuild homes in the Aurukun community on Cape York in North Queensland.

On 9 July, ten RapidBuild homes were loaded onto a barge for direct transport to Aurukun. The seven hundred tonne load included all external and internal walls, roof trusses and roof sheeting, showing the full capability and flexibility of the RapidBuild housing system as a true remote housing option.

In 2008 the CEC Group completed a successful remote housing project in Kowanyama, where nine homes were built in only 14 weeks, an outcome that had never been achieved before due to the complex nature of building on Cape York.

CEC Group CEO, Mr Roy Lavis explained "we have invested a lot of resources into the research and development of the RapidBuild system and our product is now well and truly proving itself in the marketplace. We have built approximately 275 RapidBuild homes in and around Cairns and they are proving extremely popular for many reasons, not the least of which is the speed with which they can be built. They are perfect for remote regions, as we have shown, because they are manufactured in Cairns and then shipped to their final destination, wherever that may be. They are incredibly strong, environmentally economical, aesthetically they look the same as traditional block rendered homes and they are designed to be fast and easy to construct. In other words they win on every level."

The homes being shipped to Aurukun will be assembled with the assistance of Indigenous workers from Aurukun and where possible, purchase of various product will be made in Aurukun. CEC Group staff and subcontractors will be given an overall induction by Community Elders as a part of the project.

Mr Lavis continued “we feel that there is considerable opportunity for our RapidBuild system throughout Australia and potentially many other parts of the world. We are very excited about the future of RapidBuild because the feedback from our customers shows that every aspect of the process and the finished homes exceed every expectation. The low ongoing maintenance costs are also proving a very appealing feature of the RapidBuild homes. Once they are up, they are rock solid and built to last no matter what the environment throws at them.”

The CEC Group has the capability to build Rapid Build homes anywhere in Australia. Demand for the homes is expected to grow dramatically in the next decade as both the State and Federal Governments look to utilise proven building systems delivered by credible suppliers.

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Image attached – RapidBuild homes loaded on the barge in Cairns for transport to Aurukun, Cape York.

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