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Pontoon upgrade for KI Seaport

Last year, Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers announced it had bought a pontoon from Hyundai Heavy Industries in South Korea, that will form the berth face for the KI Seaport planned for Smith Bay.

“As you can see, the pontoon is large but low-profile. It is 167 metres long and 40 metres wide with its own system of ballast tanks and engineering,” KIPT Managing Director John Sergeant said.

“It is now in dry dock at Dung Quat shipyard, Vietnam, where all internal and external surfaces are being sand-blasted, thickness-tested and repainted. Reconditioning is about 50 per cent complete.

“After that there will be modification of the stern, deck preparation, sidewall strengthening and the installation of wharf furniture, which is still at the design stage,” Mr Sergeant said.

Pre-fabrication of retaining structures and linkspan bridge could also be completed at Dung Quat yard, before the pontoon was relocated to Australia.