



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **FLAT LINE CONTINUES SINCE MAY**

The Skelton Sherborne Shipping Index released today indicates the value of imports continues the flat lining trend since May.

Encouragingly the number of machines imported shows a significant 45% improvement since June even though they are at the smaller operating weight end of the range. Road making and paving equipment has made a huge gain this month so perhaps the Federal Govt infrastructure spending is finally starting to drive growth in this sector

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**Notes to Editors: About Skelton Sherborne**



Skelton Sherborne provides a total solution for movement of heavy equipment to anywhere. Our point-to-point global transport and processing services include:

- Freight Forwarding
- Customs Consultancy
- Marine Insurance
- Quarantine pre-shipment inspections
- AQIS inspections
- Steam Cleaning
- Heavy Haulage (trucking)
- Heavy Lifting (Mobile cranes)
- Heavy equipment processing & assembly

Skelton Sherborne is one of Australia's largest privately owned family businesses, with annual growth rates averaging over 40% for the past five years. Turnover for 2005/ 2006 was in excess of \$85 million. Skelton Sherborne employs 60 staff across its worldwide operations.

The company is recognised as a leader in its field, winning the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Australian Lloyds Shipping Award for Innovation in Intermodal Transport and the coveted National Logistics and Supply Chain Award in 2003, and 2004 – beating multinational corporations such as Toll, Patricks and QANTAS. The back-to-back wins were the first time the same company has won the award over consecutive years running.