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Hilton Surfers Paradise Stretches Up and Down *Underground work like a mine*

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As passers-by watch construction of the \$700 million Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residences reach new heights, away from sight workers are reaching new depths on what will be the Gold Coast's deepest basement.

The activity below the surface matches that above, with the team burrowed to level two, shifting 800 cubic metres of sand – equating to about 50 truck loads a day – in the process.

The sophisticated basement works operate like a mine, utilising plant and equipment designed to function underground and employing a similar safety regime.

The basement will eventually stretch 18 metres deep and require a total of over 130,000 cubic metres, or 15,000 truck loads, of sand to be moved, with the foundations driving down 41 metres.

Construction giant Brookfield Multiplex is building the landmark dual tower project using the 'top down' method, in which construction moves forward above and below ground simultaneously.

Above the surface, work has now reached level four of the sold-out first tower, Boulevard Tower, and level two of the second, Orchid Tower, which is now 60 per cent sold.

Brookfield Multiplex Construction Manager Peter Bell said the 'top down' construction method would provide the best possible foundations for the Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residences.

"The logistics to keep everything going can be tricky. You could say this is the only mining operation on the Gold Coast," he said.

"At the moment, we have about 60 to 70 workers a day underground and another 100 above ground, so from all angles the site is bustling with activity.

"We are expecting to complete work on the five basement levels in the first half of 2010 and then construction will all be up after that."

At the peak of construction, about 900 to 1000 workers will be involved both directly and indirectly at various fabrication facilities, with more than one million man hours required to complete the project.

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Boulevard Tower is due for completion in late 2010 and will comprise 186 one and two bedroom residences, while Orchid Tower is expected to be completed by late 2011 and will feature 224 two, three and four bedroom residences and a 169 room Hilton hotel.

Tim Willing, Brookfield Multiplex Director of Sales and Marketing, said anticipation was building as the project continued to stretch skyward.

“More than \$295 million of apartments have already sold in Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residences and we are continuing to make new sales as people see the towers going up,” he said.

“This is one of the few new projects in the country to have commenced in the past 12 months with the Gold Coast, and Surfers Paradise in particular, remaining popular with new residents and visitors from across Australia and around the world.

“The development captures the best of what the city has to offer – from panoramic views of its beaches, city skyline, hinterland and canals, through to its reputation as a leader in high-rise apartment design and development.”

Both residents and guests of Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residence will be able to enjoy the internationally respected trademark Hilton service, style and sophistication.

Residents have the option to utilise exclusive hotel services such as concierge, valet parking, in room dining and maid services on a user pays basis, allowing them to enjoy new levels of convenience from the comfort of their new home.

Facilities available at the hotel include a luxury day spa, signature restaurant, executive lounge, gymnasium and both indoor and outdoor swimming pool along with the exciting retail precinct being created at street level.

The Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel & Residences sales office, located at 3232 Surfers Paradise Boulevard, is open seven days a week from 10am to 5pm. For further information, contact 1300 695 040 or visit www.surfersparadiseresidences.com.au

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