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With just nine weeks to go before the first race of Season Five of A1GP World Cup of Motorsport, the first construction milestone was reached in Australia ahead of the SuperGP on the streets of Surfers Paradise, 22-25 October.

The first steps in the construction for the this October's event have been completed this week with the positioning of the first pedestrian bridge near Tedder Avenue

SuperGP General Manager Greg Hooton and Event Director David Bennett were joined on the Gold Coast Highway today by reigning TW Steel Miss SuperGP Mareika van den Berg in celebration of this milestone, and also unveiled the plans for the new pit facility which will be in place for this year's event.

Hooton said he was pleased to be able to celebrate the beginning of construction and show the new plans, with business as usual for Australia's Premier Motorsport event.

"It is really exciting to see the event moving forward into this next important stage of its development," said Hooton.

"Already construction is surging ahead, and as the days count down to this year's SuperGP I am sure everyone will see that it is business as usual for our four-day, four-night festival on the streets of Surfers Paradise.

The SuperGP street circuit is considered by many as one of the top three street circuits in the world.

"It is a significant achievement to convert a thriving and bustling commercial and recreational district into a motor racing circuit, able to facilitate more than 250,000 people and high-speed motor racing action," said Bennett.

Over the next two months leading into the SuperGP, the construction schedule will include:

- 2515 concrete barriers (10km) weighing 4 tonne each
- 8500 grandstand seats
- 10km debris fencing
- 16km security fencing
- 7 pedestrian bridges
- 4 over-track signs
- 5 big screens
- 500 televisions
- 100 corporate suites
- 190 temporary sheds, containers & reefers
- 6000 man hours of electrical reticulation
- 100km of cabling
- 1 International Standard Temporary Outside Broadcast Compound
- 700 trackside marshals (fire marshals, trackside, flag, communications, spectator, etc.)
- 700 officials (gates, grandstands, corporate suites, info booths, accreditation centre, media centre, etc.)
- 6000 Permanent residents inside track precinct

Gold Coast based company IEDM are instrumental in overseeing the extensive build procedure ensuring that the event is delivered on time and on budget.

Information and tickets for the October 22-25 event are available at www.SuperGP.com.