

FirstClass Safety & Control delivers 1st order in Australia with new partner Freightquip

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FirstClass Safety and Control Ltd (FCSC) and Freightquip announce success in the earliest days of inking a partnership agreement where FCSC named Freightquip as its official Australian distributor for their Rail Depot Protection and Control system solutions.

Freightquip have completed a contract with Laing O'Rourke, one of Australia's top Tier 1 engineering and construction companies. Laing O'Rourke contracted

Freightquip to supply and install a **FirstClass Safety & Control** built Depot Protection System (DPS) for the South Dynon Locomotive Depot, located in Victoria, Australia.

Freightquip and FCSC were responsible for the design, including shop drawing and schematics, manufacture, and installation of the bespoke DPS on 3 Roads at the depot. The SIL 2 rated PLC Controlled DPS consists of warning beacons and sounders, movement signals, shunter movement request switches, Derailer scissor lock-out boxes and crossroad isolation switches. The DPS design replicates a system installed in the nearby West Melbourne Depot.

Mark Meyrick, Director of FirstClass Safety & Controls said: “Delivering our 1st order in Australia is a significant achievement in such a short period of time, particularly during a global pandemic! It reflects the strength of our partnership with Freightquip.

“Our ability to offer bespoke Depot Protection Systems, to meet the exact customer requirements, was a major influence on the award of this contract. Our innovative approach to design and manufacturing not only ensures the customer gets exactly what they want, but it also makes it easier to support and manage international installations, offering future proofed solutions that guarantee protection for depot staff for many years to come.”

Neil McDonell, Freightquip Rail General Manager said: “This opportunity sets the scene for Freightquip and FirstClass Safety to cement our partnership within Australia. It gives us a great opportunity to deliver a first-class product solution into the Australian rail market.”

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