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Adelaide to Darwin Rail Link Coin – Commemorating an Historic Occasion

To commemorate the inauguration of the rail extension from Adelaide to Darwin the Royal Australian Mint is releasing a \$5 Silver Proof Coin. A limited edition of 12,500 coins will be available giving Australians an opportunity to mark this historical event.

The commemorative coin will be launched on Wednesday 14 January at 3.30pm by Mr. Rick Allert, Chairman of AustralAsia Railway Corporation. The Proof Coin will not be available to the public until 27 February 2004.

Construction for the AustralAsia Railway from Adelaide to Darwin was completed in October 2003, five months ahead of the target completion date of April 2004. The first train will leave Adelaide for Darwin on Thursday 15 January ahead of the original schedule.

The Silver Proof Coin captures the vastness of the land with the rail lines disappearing into the distance, while linking the three major cities of Darwin, Alice Springs and Adelaide. Dr Vivienne Thom, The Controller, Royal Australian Mint said, 'The release of a commemorative coin by the Royal Australian Mint provides a fitting means of enabling the wider public to mark this memorable occasion of national significance'.

For the first time in Australian history the north and south are linked by rail, providing a transcontinental trade route connecting southern Australia with Asian business markets. The line will also provide one of the world's most extraordinary train travel experiences through the heart of Australia.

Photo Opportunity

- Mr Rick Allert launching the coin
- 1 metre decal of coin on new locomotive

The coin will be available from February 27 2004

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Fact Sheet Adelaide to Darwin Rail Link Coin

Coin Denomination	2004 \$5
Mintage	Limited to 12,500
Authenticity	A numbered certificate of authenticity is included
Price	\$68.50
Mass	1 Troy ounce
Diameter	40 mm
Metal	Fine Silver (99.9%)
Finish	Proof
Designer	Wojciech Pietranik
Available	February 27 2004



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