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**BGC CONSTRUCTION COMPLETES STAGE ONE OF
UNIQUE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP**

A unique partnership between private enterprise and education is BGC Construction's latest project of note, with the recent completion of Stage One of the University of Western Australia's Innovation Precinct incorporating the Motorola Software Centre.

With a construction cost of around \$22 million, the building is a striking addition to the University's research and development units, with its bold use of stainless steel, Kimberley stone and copper.

Interesting facts about the construction of the building include;

- * there are enough pre cast concrete units that if laid end to end, would stretch from Perth to the coast.
- * around five thousand tiles of specially sourced Kimberley stone have been mined specifically for the building, and included in the exterior cladding
- * there is enough carpet and paving used in the interior and exterior to cover the Western Australian Cricket Association ground more than one and a half times
- * four thousand individual copper tiles have been used to line the underside of the roof, each one placed individually and fixed one at a time, and;
- * enough stainless steel roofing to manufacture cutlery sets for an entire army!

With two floors of undercover parking and three floors of work space, the building will have the potential to house around 600 people.

According to BGC Construction General Manager Gerry Forde, the project took approximately 15 months to complete, and employed around 85 men per day, working an average of 3400 hours per week.

"It is a credit to the building industry in Western Australia where a pool of skilled subcontractors are available for this kind of specialised 'craftsmanship'.

"Our congratulations and thanks go to all of our subcontractors who have played an integral part in the successful completion of this project, once again ensuring that BGC Construction continues to be recognised as one of Western Australia's leading builders," he added.