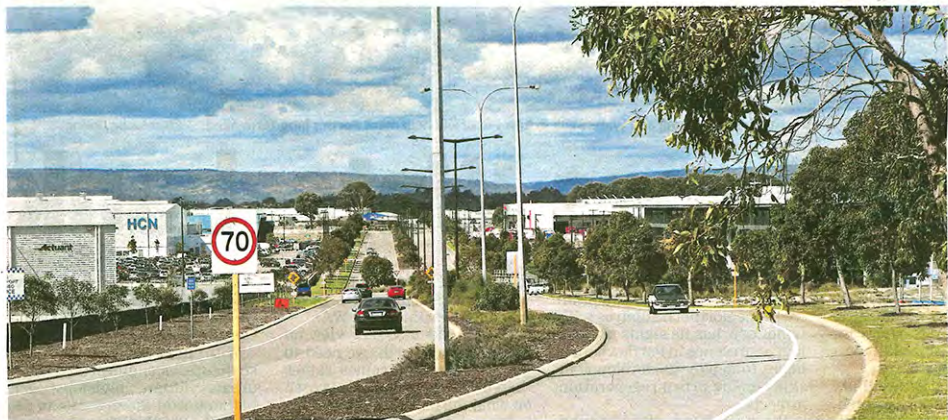




Significant industrial precinct: The site of Aldi's new distribution centre on Orion Road, Jandakot. Pictures: Gerald Moscarda

Oil major said to have inked Jandakot lease



Jandakot City Estate: Agents say the latest string of deals, in quick succession, will increase interest in the remaining sites.

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A new lease has been signed for an 11,000sqm facility on a 5ha industrial site at Jandakot City Estate with oilfield service provider Schlumberger said to be behind the deal.

According to sources, the deal would allow Schlumberger to consolidate six Perth industrial sites that it occupies.

The lease was negotiated by Savills industrial directors James Condon and Mathew Hopkins who declined to name the tenant.

It follows recent Jandakot deals including a 41,700sqm office and warehouse valued at \$35 million (under way

for Kmart) and a pre-commitment deal from Reece Plumbing for a 25,000sqm office and warehouse complex.

Mr Condon said the latest deals, concluded in quick succession, were likely to increase interest in the remaining space at the industrial estate, in one of Perth's main industrial precincts.

"There is nothing like the signature of a few key tenants and the fact that land availability is obviously diminishing, to focus the market's attention on a location, especially in key precincts," Mr Condon said.

The leased property already has 10,000km of workshop space and an extra 1200sqm office will be constructed

for the new tenant. In other projects at Jandakot City, Aldi's new distribution facility is being built and construction had finished on a 23,000sqm warehouse for Super Amart.

According to sources, Schlumberger will move into a facility that was purpose built for Australian Portable Buildings. The Canadian-owned company pulled its operations out of Australia just months before the facility was due to be completed.

Schlumberger declined to comment. The 150ha Jandakot City Estate opened seven years ago and has attracted other oil and gas companies including GE, Halliburton and Sandvik.