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World's largest listed metal recycler to ship from Cairns

The world's largest listed metal recycler, Sims Metal Management, will continue exports from the Port of Cairns.

The decision to continue shipments from Cairns rather than truck processed scrap metal to Townsville for vessel loading follows successful shipments last year and in March this year. It is also a response to an increase in the volume of scrap metal in the region.

Sims Metal Management Export Shipping Manager Richard Overton said: "Exporting directly from Cairns Port is more cost effective, thereby improving scrap recovery and extraction opportunities from Cairns itself, surrounding regions and remote part of Far North Queensland."

He said the ability to bring in large bulk carriers to a loading berth close to the Sims Portsmith yard was a key strength for Cairns.

Ports North Chairman Brett Moller said the 180 metre-long Handymax-type bulk carrier is due to dock on Tuesday (10 June) and load approximately 3,000mt before loading at other Queensland ports en route to Asian markets.

He said Ports North had worked closely with Sims Metal Management and Hetherington Kingsbury Shipping Agency (HKSA) to secure this export business for Cairns.

"It also delivers a strong social benefit through a significant reduction in truck traffic on the road between Cairns to Townsville," Mr Moller said.

Sims Metal Management established operations in Cairns following its acquisition of Commercial Metal Recycling Services in 2011.

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