

# Grain firms short listed

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EIGHT grain companies have been short listed to negotiate with FREE Eyre with the idea that one or a consortium of the companies will work with FREE Eyre to develop the grain handling at the proposed Port Spencer on Eyre Peninsula's east coast.

Earlier in the year FREE Eyre approached 12 large grain companies and asked for expressions of interest to work

with it in developing the potential Port Spencer grain storage and handling.

FREE Eyre chief executive officer Mark Rodda said he could not list the eight companies, but said they were part of the industry's major domestic and international grain companies.

It was announced in August FREE Eyre would be the grain terminal operator at the proposed port and the coopera-

tive would work with Centrex to identify which company was most suitable.

Mr Rodda said FREE Eyre had to discuss with the major parties the propositions that had been put up to see if they were in line with FREE Eyre's future direction.

This could mean one company is chosen or a consortium, but negotiations will determine that.