



CREDENTIALS: Brenton Lunn and fellow Partek director Peter Berrington.

Blueprint to go green

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ADELAIDE building firm Partek has achieved a new environmental accreditation, as it works towards raising turnover from \$36 million to \$50 million within two years.

Partek is now one of a select group in the construction industry to have attained Environmental Accreditation to Australian Standard 14001:2004.

Among the requirements of the accreditation are establishing, implementing and maintaining environmental objectives and targets.

Partek's accreditation

took two years to complete. Managing director Brenton Lunn said environmental credentials had become a priority for the company.

"The majority of change has taken place on our sites, making our staff and our sub-contractors and suppliers more aware of the environment and the impact industry can potentially have on the environment," he said.

"A lot of our clients almost demand from us that we tick all the boxes when it comes to protecting what we've got around us. We worked pretty closely with the Master Builders Association and KESAB to make

sure we had the system up and running."

He said the accreditation came as Partek was focusing on bigger projects, worth \$8 million to \$15 million.

"I think we are reasonably confident and upbeat about the local economy," he said.

"It's nice to show that Partek is trying to do the right thing and we want people to be aware of that."

In the past year, Partek has increased its workforce from 40 to 47 and undertaken training with the Green Building Council to help its push to work on more sustainable developments.