

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Local and Traditional Owner Businesses Awarded Latest Contracts at Thunderbird

- 6 local businesses have been awarded contracts to supply mobile equipment
- 2 Derby and 4 Broome based companies
- 2 Joombarn-Buru Traditional Owner businesses

Local and Traditional Owner businesses are the winners in the latest round of contracts to be awarded at the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project.

Kimberley Mineral Sands Chief Executive Officer Stuart Pether said six local businesses were successful in their tender submissions to supply mobile equipment.

“We have been working closely with local business to ensure our tenders are structured in a way that enables small businesses to participate in the many opportunities that Thunderbird will offer over the next 36 years.

“So I’m really pleased to announce that two Derby based, two Joombarn-Buru Traditional Owner and two Broome businesses have been awarded three-year contracts for the supply of mobile equipment on site at Thunderbird,” he said.

The successful businesses and equipment to be provided are:

CAD Contractors (Joombarn-Buru)
Lighting towers

Cape Contracting (Broome)
Kanga Loader

DWA Industrial (Derby)
Franna Crane

Kennards (Broome)
Skid steer, telehandler, compressor and generator

Narijad Nyung Contracting (Joombarn-Buru)
Forklift, wheel loader and walkie stacker

Kimberley Hire (Derby)
Elevated work platforms

For more information on upcoming opportunities for small business, contact Brad Horsman, Senior Advisor – Community Business at bhorsman@kmsands.com.au

Additional Project Facts (as at 30 October 2023):

- 317 people are currently employed on the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project by KMS and our key contractors. Of this workforce, 20% are Aboriginal, 20% are female and 38% live in the West Kimberley.
- Of that number, KMS employs 114 people directly, of which 27% are Aboriginal, 26% are female and 84% live in the West Kimberley.
- KMS has spent more than \$63 million with local Kimberley businesses during the construction phase
- KMS spend of more than \$16 million with Aboriginal businesses during construction phase
- Project will contribute a net uplift to Gross Domestic Product in Northern Australia of \$2 billion over the first 20 years

More information about the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project is available at www.kmsands.com.au.

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ABOUT KIMBERLEY MINERAL SANDS:

Kimberley Mineral Sands Pty Ltd (KMS) operates the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project (Thunderbird) which is located mid-way between Derby and Broome, in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Thunderbird is one of the largest and highest-grade zircon mineral sands deposits in the world and contains valuable heavy minerals including ilmenite, zircon, leucoxene, and rutile, which will be extracted and exported via the Port of Broome.

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