

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**For immediate release**

### **Indigenous Business Amaroo Mining and Civil wins Thunderbird Tender**

- Amaroo Mining and Civil Pty Ltd (AMC) is the preferred tenderer for three year contract at Thunderbird
- AMC is an experienced mining and civil contractor with projects throughout the Pilbara and Kimberley
- Contract creates further Aboriginal employment and training opportunities at Thunderbird

Kimberley Mineral Sands has announced majority Aboriginal-owned Amaroo Mining and Civil Pty Ltd (AMC) as the preferred tenderer to operate and maintain the Tailings Storage Facility at the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project.

The three year contract will involve the ongoing construction, maintenance and operation of the Tailings Storage Facility, which houses the mine tailings remaining after the valuable heavy minerals have been extracted and before the tailings are put back in the mining void for site rehabilitation.

Kimberley Mineral Sands Chief Executive Officer Stuart Pether said AMC's tender submission clearly outlined their capacity to undertake the work, previous experience, and their ability to deliver benefits in the form of Aboriginal employment on the Project.

"The AMC team are experienced operators who have been working in mining and civil construction in remote areas of Western Australia and delivering strong project outcomes.

"Having experienced contractors like AMC on board is another step towards our Aboriginal employment and business targets, and we look forward to working with tAmaroo as we commence production at Thunderbird," he said.

Amaroo Mining and Civil Chief Executive Officer Clint Ross said the company had been established with a strong focus on providing the very best training and support for local Aboriginal people to enable them to gain skilled employment in the mining and construction industry.

"We're excited about this contract at Thunderbird as it will help us deliver even more employment opportunities in line with our focus on creating long term skilled jobs for Aboriginal people.

More information is available at [www.kmsands.com.au](http://www.kmsands.com.au).

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**Additional Project Facts:**

- 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.
- The Project will contribute a net uplift to Gross Domestic Product in Northern Australia of \$2 billion over the first 20 years.

**ABOUT AMAROO MINING AND CIVIL:**

*Amaroo Mining and Civil (AMC) is a majority owned Aboriginal Company. Our Company was established with a strong focus on providing the very best training and support for the local Aboriginal people to enable them to gain skilled employment in the mining and construction industry. We have established close working relationships with Aboriginal Elders to create and support opportunities within their communities. We have extensive knowledge and experience in remote locations throughout Western Australia.*

*AMC was formed in 2019 and provides a wide range of mining and civil services throughout Western Australia, particularly in remote locations. Our company's owners have experience in the concrete, transport and construction industries. Our core principles are to provide professional, timely and cost-effective services, combined with innovative solutions.*

*As an Aboriginal business, AMC aims to engage Aboriginal employees and employees wherever possible and liaise with Traditional Owners to create sustainable work and opportunities on Country where we are working.*

**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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