

## MEDIA STATEMENT

21 May 2025

For immediate release

### Kaynar Group appointed to construct next stage of Thunderbird tailings facility

Kimberley Mineral Sands (KMS) has awarded Broome-based Kaynar Group a contract to construct Stage 3A of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) at the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Operation, continuing its strong focus on Aboriginal business engagement.

Kaynar Group, a Joombarn-buru Traditional Owner company, will deliver the six-month construction program, which includes raising the TSF's perimeter embankment and central causeway.

The award builds on Kaynar's proven performance at Thunderbird, where the company currently holds a three year road maintenance contract and provides on-site heavy machinery servicing and repairs for KMS and other contractors.

KMS Chief Operating Officer, Michael Rose, said Kaynar's appointment was a reflection of their track record and alignment with KMS's commitment to local participation.

"Kaynar is delivering great work at Thunderbird and shares our focus on building local capability," Mr Rose said.

"We're pleased to extend our existing partnership and support strong Joombarn-buru business involvement at Thunderbird Operations."

Kaynar Group Managing Director, Kyle Ringin, said the contract would support jobs and skills development for local people.

"As a Broome-based Aboriginal owned business, we're proud to be part of Thunderbird's ongoing development," Mr Ringin said.

"We're targeting 30% Aboriginal employment and 50% West Kimberley based staff to complete this contract, and are focused on providing meaningful opportunities for our community."

**ENDS**

---

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Hilary Wilkins, Principal Community & Public Relations, Kimberley Mineral Sands  
0417 987 970 | [hwilkins@kmsands.com.au](mailto:hwilkins@kmsands.com.au)



Photo caption: The Kaynar team on site at Thunderbird