

## THUNDERBIRD MINERAL SANDS PROJECT

Together, building prosperity in the Kimberley and beyond.

Fact Sheet - February 2024

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, on the Joombarn-Buru native title determination area.

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



#### **PROJECT FAST FACTS**



One of the world's largest and highest-grade zircon mineral sands deposits.



Exports commenced January 2024.

# 36+ year lifespan

Long-term project creating inter-generational employment and business opportunities.

400+ jobs

Creation of 400+ direct jobs, with local and Aboriginal employment and business targets.

\$63.5 million

Spent locally during construction phase.



Heritage, logistics, environmental and mining approvals in place.

# \$750 million

Local business and contractor estimated spend in first 20 years.



Progressive rehabilitation process.

### **RECENT MILESTONES**



More than 400 people directly employed on the project by KMS and our key contractors.



Loading rotainers with ilmenite and zircon commenced at Thunderbird.



Transportation of rotainers into Broome for storage in preparation for the first bulk shipments.



~5,100 tonnes of bagged zircon exported from Broome Port bound for our overseas offtake partners.



Kingsound Transport and Charters awarded a 3-year contract to run shuttle bus service from Derby to Thunderbird.



Kaynar Contracting awarded a three-year on-site contract to maintain all mine roads at Thunderbird.

# EMPLOYMENT & PROCUREMENT NUMBERS Local & Aboriginal

As at 31 January 2024



Total Workforce 120 KMS | 299 Contractors

**45**%

Kimberley Residents 190 people **21%** 

Identify as Aboriginal 90 people

19

Joombarn-Buru Traditional Owners employed at Thunderbird ♀ **17**%

Female Employees 72 people



\$10.7

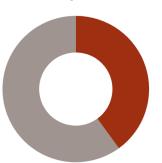
Local business spend operations phase to date

#### **Aboriginal Business Spend**

Kimberley based Aboriginal businesses

Aboriginal businesses based elsewhere

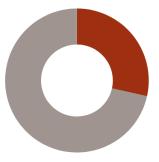
\$4.8M



### **Local Business Spend**

Spent locally in January 2024

\$5.7M



#### **PRIORITIES**



Aboriginal employment and business spend targets, female employee and diverse workforce focus.



Focus on employing a locally resident workforce.

#### **TARGETS**

# Aboriginal Employment & Business Targets

**EMPLOYMENT** 

10% by Year 2

20% by Year 4

40% by Year 8

#### BUSINESS

Years 1 to 4 - \$2 million

Years 5 to 7 - \$5 million

Year 8 onwards - \$10 million

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

\$63.5 million

Local spend during Thunderbird construction phase.

\$16.1 million

Aboriginal owned business spend during construction phase.