

MEDIA STATEMENT

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For immediate release

Local Company Onboard for Thunderbird Shuttle Bus Service

- West Kimberley company Plum Oak Pty Ltd is the successful tenderer for Thunderbird to Broome shuttle bus service.
- Plum Oak has extensive experience in the passenger transport sector.
- Shuttle bus will run three return services a week to transport Kimberley Mineral Sands employees and contractors between Broome and Thunderbird.

As operational readiness ramps up at the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project mid-way between Broome and Derby, West Kimberley based company Plum Oak Pty Ltd has been selected as the successful tenderer to run the Broome to Thunderbird shuttle bus service.

Plum Oak has extensive experience in providing passenger transport and school bus services and has previously supplied similar services for the Argyle Diamond Mine, as well as school bus services and passenger transport for the Department of Health.

Kimberley Mineral Sands' CEO Stuart Pether said the return service would run three times a week, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays to accommodate changeover days in site rosters.

"Maximising local and Aboriginal content is a key pillar of our pledge to the Kimberley community and we're delighted to bring Plum Oak Pty Ltd on board to deliver this important service as we start commissioning activities at Thunderbird," he said.

Plum Oak Owner Azman Bin Omar said they were pleased to be working with Kimberley Mineral Sands.

"Providing passenger transport services has been our core business since 2003 and we're very happy to have been selected to deliver the Broome shuttle bus service for Thunderbird," he said.

The first services ran last week, minimising the number of individual car journeys being undertaken. A similar shuttle service will be introduced between Derby and Thunderbird later in the year to cater for Kimberley Mineral Sands' Derby based employees and contractors.

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