

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Dry Mining Unit arrives at Thunderbird

- The final piece of critical infrastructure, the Dry Mining Unit, has arrived on site at Thunderbird
- Contractor Piacentini and Son has manufactured and tested the unit in Picton, WA and will now assemble and commission on site at Thunderbird
- Other commissioning activities are now fully underway at Thunderbird in preparation for commencement of operations later in the year

The Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project has achieved another key milestone, with the arrival on site of the last piece of critical equipment to complete the processing infrastructure following a 2,200km journey from Picton.

The Dry Mining Unit (DMU) was manufactured in Western Australia at contractor Piacentini and Son's plant and was transported to Thunderbird by road earlier this week.

The DMU is a key piece of infrastructure used to screen and separate the oversize material from the mineral sands ore, which is then mixed with water to form a slurry and pumped through a pipeline to the Wet Concentrate Plant for further processing. The DMU is skid mounted and can be relocated within the pit as mining progresses.

Kimberley Mineral Sands CEO Stuart Pether said the arrival of the Dry Mining Unit on site was an exciting project milestone for the company as commissioning activities increase pace at Thunderbird.

"The DMU is the last piece of key infrastructure to arrive on site and marks a significant step in our journey towards operations.

"We're pleased that Piacentini and Son has been able to manufacture the unit in Western Australia and will contribute to our local content and employment commitments whilst working at Thunderbird," Mr Pether said.

The DMU will now be re-assembled, commissioned and tested on site in preparation for the first ore feed later this year.

Fact file

- The DMU weighs 460 tonnes fully assembled
- The heaviest individual piece to be transported weighed 140 tonnes
- When fully operational, the DMU will have a maximum throughput of 1,800 tonnes of ore per hour
- The DMU is skid mounted and designed to be fully relocatable

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