

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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# Local Traditional Owner Business awarded Thunderbird Road Maintenance Contract

- Broome based Kaynar Contracting successful tenderer to undertake on-site road maintenance
- Three-year contract to maintain all mine roads at Thunderbird

In another win for local business in Broome, Kimberley Mineral Sands has announced Kaynar Contracting, a Joombarn-buru business, as the successful tenderer for the road maintenance contract at the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project.

The three-year contract includes maintenance of all mine roads, including the 30km Thunderbird Access Road.

Kaynar Contracting is an Indigenous-owned business certified by Supply Nation, with a focus on servicing clients in the mining, civil and automotive industries.

Kyle Ringin, Kaynar Contracting Director, said the long-term contract was a huge win for the company.

"We've been working on site at Thunderbird supporting other contractors for some time now, so I'm really pleased to be awarded this contract in our own right.

"The longevity of the contract means we can invest in new machinery which gives us an opportunity to further grow the business." he said.

Kimberley Mineral Sands' Chief Operating Officer Michael Rose said Kaynar Contracting had demonstrated experience in local conditions and the mining industry, as well as strong social benefits through its Joombarn-buru ownership.

"I'm pleased to be awarding this contract to a Broome based Traditional Owner business which will help create more local jobs and support economic growth," he said.

For more information visit www.kmsands.com.au

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Photo L-R: Kaynar Contracting

Peter Pedersen (Machine Operator), Chris Whild (Supervisor), Samuel Buck (Machine Operator), Regan Bryce (Machine Operator), Patrick Greechan (Kimberley Business Development), Shaylee Greechan (Director), Kyle Ringin (Director), Jack Allen (Supervisor).

#### 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 and leucoxene, which are extracted and exported via the Port of Broome.

KMS' head office is based in Broome and is focused on delivering economic and social benefits for the West Kimberley and its communities.