

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### Traditional Owner Business wins Thunderbird Shuttle Bus Tender

- Derby to Thunderbird Shuttle bus contract awarded, with services commencing next week
- Joombarn-buru owned and Derby based Kingsound Transport and Charters successful tenderer to operate the service
- Shuttle bus will operate between Derby and Thunderbird to transport staff and contractors

Kimberley Mineral Sands has awarded Joombarn-buru owned Derby based Kingsound Transport and Charters a three-year contract to run the Thunderbird to Derby shuttle bus service.

The shuttle bus will run return services to transport Kimberley Mineral Sands' Derby based staff and contractors to and from the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project.

Kerrissa O'Meara from Kingsound Transport and Charters, who is a Joombarn-buru Traditional Owner, said she was really pleased to win the contract which would enable her business to grow.

"This long-term contract is a great opportunity and will enable me to lease my own vehicle so I can grow my company and provide transport services to other local businesses and communities," she said.

Kimberley Mineral Sands' Chief Operating Officer Michael Rose said he was delighted that a Derby based Traditional Owner business was able to provide the service.

"The Thunderbird project offers inter-generational prospects for local communities and businesses, and this is a great example of an initial contract that will help support a Traditional Owner business to take advantage of future opportunities in the area," he said.

The service commences next week.

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Caption: Kingsound Transport and Charters' owner Kerrissa O'Meara on-site at the Thunderbird Mineral Sands Project with KMS' Community Advisor Johari Bin Demin

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**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 mineral sands deposits in the world and contains valuable heavy minerals including ilmenite, zircon, leucoxene, and rutile, which are extracted and exported via the Port of Broome.

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

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