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RDF grant opens new opportunities for Lobethal cake manufacturer

New freezer facilities at Lobethal cake manufacturer – Emmaline’s Country Kitchen – are helping the company to improve access to international and interstate markets.

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock said installation of the new equipment, assisted by a \$59,000 State Government grant, would open up opportunities for the company by ensuring product quality and a longer shelf life.

“Increasing the company’s business capability and capacity will have a flow-on effect to the Adelaide Hills community making this project – with a total investment of \$128,590 – really valuable to the region,” Mr Brock said.

“This new equipment gives the company the potential to vastly increase its current turnover providing direct and indirect economic benefits.

“12 new jobs will be created over four years to help the company realise its potential in supplying interstate and international markets – a great example of a regional business driving the State Government’s Economic Priority of ‘Producing Premium Food and Wine from Our Clean Environment and Exporting to the World’.

“An increase in production also means a greater demand for ingredients from local suppliers used to create the company’s products and increased demand from local freight and distribution companies,” Mr Brock said.

Andrew Horwood from Emmaline’s Country Kitchen said the funding – which assisted in the installation of the blast freezer and storage freezer, and associated electrical work – had helped accelerate the project’s delivery.

“Thanks to this regional grant, we were able to complete this freezer installation in good time, bringing forward potential economic benefits throughout the Adelaide Hills community,” Mr Horwood said.

“We pride ourselves on the quality of our product and this project is seeing us expand into interstate and international markets.

“We currently offer significant employment in the local region, which we will be able to increase thanks to this project.”

The State Government’s enhanced \$15 million a year Regional Development Fund drives economic growth and productivity by offering grants to boost investment in regional infrastructure and the creation of jobs and new opportunities for regional South Australia.