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\$438,000 grant for improved asphalt production in Limestone Coast

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An upgrade to the asphalt production facilities of Gambier Earth Movers Pty Ltd will increase production, improve energy efficiencies and create job opportunities in the Limestone Coast region.

The Mount Gambier-based company has received a \$438,820 State Government Regional Development Fund grant towards a major upgrade of its facilities.

Gambier Earth Movers will implement a system using the latest international technologies to produce asphalt in the most cost effective and energy efficient way available.

The upgrade will allow the company to undertake larger projects and provide clients with a range of quality asphalt products based on their requirements.

The \$2.6 million upgrade will create five new ongoing jobs, as well as 25 jobs during construction.

Background

Gambier Earth Movers Pty Ltd is a privately owned civil construction and quarrying company located in Mount Gambier catering for the public and private sectors for over 50 years.

The Regional Development Fund (RDF) drives economic growth through grants to boost investment in regional infrastructure and the creation of jobs in South Australia.

According to independent analysis, projects awarded grants through Rounds 1 and 2 of the RDF are creating 2,265 regional jobs and contributing \$933 million to the South Australian economy in 2015-16.

During the life of the projects, a total of 14,389 jobs will be created, with a \$5.6 billion economic contribution to the State.

In the Limestone Coast, RDF projects from Rounds 1 and 2 are creating 750 jobs and contributing \$279 million to the economy in 2015-16.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

The plant upgrade will allow Gambier Earth Movers to operate with less production and running costs, resulting in an increase in the economic and environmental sustainability of its asphalt products.

The upgrade will help secure current jobs in the region and create new ones to meet increased production and installation rates.

Investing in this innovative technology will ensure the long-term sustainability of the company's production process and its overall future, as well as produce a very competitive product.

This project is another regional example of a company growing through innovation, aligning with the State Government's economic priorities.

Quotes attributable to Glen Sutherland, Director, Gambier Earth Movers Pty Ltd

The visual amenity and robust infrastructure benefits of asphalt as a lower cost alternative to concrete has placed asphalt in high demand.

Thanks to the RDF grant, we will be able to increase our production capacity and efficiency to meet consumer demand and increase quality assurance of our asphalt product.

The project will increase our asphalt production three-fold, greatly increasing the potential economic outcomes of the company and the region.

We will be able to grow our already established market, not only in the Limestone Coast, but also secure our market competitiveness in western Victoria.

The upgraded plant will allow us to tender for larger and higher tier projects which our current limited production capacity doesn't allow us to do.

The initiative will improve energy efficiency and reduce wastage, and is estimated to reduce carbon emissions by at least 5,000 tonnes over the life of the plant.