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Local Jobs, Skills and Connections at the Heart of KBSS Diamond Sponsorship

Keeping jobs, skills and spending in the Pilbara is a priority for KBSS. It's Diamond Sponsorship of the Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KDCCI) that builds on that commitment, supporting stronger connections and opportunities for the local business community.

A locally owned and operated business, KBSS has called Karratha home since 2012. Today, it delivers multidisciplinary site services across the resources, energy and infrastructure sectors, with approximately 80 per cent of its core workforce living and working in Karratha.

For KBSS, growing local capability means investing in people. Through apprenticeships and on-the-job training, the business is helping develop the next generation of Pilbara talent while delivering safe, quality outcomes for industry.

In a statement, Cory Byers, KBSS' Managing Director, said its Diamond Sponsorship reflected its long-standing commitment to the region.

> *"Over the years, we've demonstrated that local capability can deliver safe, quality outcomes for industry while retaining jobs, skills and spend in the region. We see the Chamber as a core connection between local businesses and the major projects occurring in the region."*

The sponsorship brings together shared priorities in local procurement, local employment and building a capable regional supply chain. It also supports KDCCI's work to help businesses access information, build relationships and strengthen their ability to pursue new opportunities.

KDCCI CEO, Sarah Whelan, said KBSS brought valuable local experience to the Chamber's network.

> *"Behind every local contract is an opportunity to support jobs, develop skills and keep more of the benefits here in our community. KBSS understands that connection through its own experience of building a business in Karratha.*
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> *We appreciate KBSS's investment in our business community. Having local employers actively involved helps us better understand what businesses need and bring people together to work towards practical outcomes."*

KBSS highlighted KDCCI's events, networking functions and industry briefings as valuable opportunities to share knowledge and develop relationships with other local businesses.

Beyond its involvement with KDCCI, KBSS demonstrates its commitment to the Karratha Community through ongoing support of local sporting clubs, community groups and events, including sponsorships, donations, and volunteering.

"Through our role as a Diamond Sponsor of KDCCI, we look forward to continuing our involvement and helping more local businesses engage with opportunities ahead," Cory Byers said.

As the Pilbara continues to develop, connections between local suppliers, employers and major industry will remain essential. KBSS's Diamond Sponsorship supports the work of turning those connections into opportunities for local businesses and lasting benefits for the region.

About Karratha & Districts Chamber of Commerce & Industry:

The KDCCI was established to deliver a unique range of services and representation to the Karratha business community. Managed by a diverse board of active local businesspeople, who meet once a month to represent our membership base and run by a team of dedicated and experienced business specialists, we provide services to all sizes of business and help to connect our 400+ strong member-base, which includes multi-national mining and resource companies, government agencies, community service organisations and small to medium-sized enterprise. We are a part of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia, and a founding member of the Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia, where regional chambers from across the state work together and share information and resources to build a stronger business network in regional WA.

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