


GOOD NEWS STORY

Ngarda Civil & Mining



CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AT NGARDA
CIVIL & MINING, PILBARA WA.

Ngarda Civil & Mining (Ngarda) was formed in 2001 to provide Indigenous Australians of the Pilbara region access to economic development opportunities in the mining industry.

This has been a highly successful joint venture between the Ngarda Ngarli Yarndu Foundation, Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) (each with 25 per cent equity), and Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd, which holds the remaining 50 per cent equity.

Ngarda has been awarded a five-year contract, expected to be worth more than \$300 million, by BHP Billiton to manage and operate the Yarrie iron ore mine in the Pilbara in Western Australia.

Since beginning operations seven years ago, Ngarda has become an industry leader in the mining and construction sector. With a high proportion of Indigenous employees, Ngarda provides a total mine service, including drill and blast, load and haul, processing, train loading infrastructure and facilities management.

To service the contract with BHP Billiton, Ngarda expects to hire an additional 200 staff, 130 of whom will be Indigenous.

Mr Joseph Elu, IBA's former Chairperson, congratulated Ngarda on securing its largest contract, which he said signified a major step forward for Indigenous participation in the mining industry.

Mr Elu said, 'Ngarda is a shining example of Indigenous economic and employment development. I congratulate the Board of Ngarda, Mr Brian Hughey, General Manager, and Mr Barry Taylor, Executive Chairperson, for their visionary leadership.'

IBA is proud to be a partner in this dynamic and groundbreaking venture.

Ngarda is the Yindjibarndi word for Aboriginal people.