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## **MEDIA RESPONSE**

### **PORTSIDE MESSENGER**

#### **Adelaide Brighton invests \$4 million in Birkenhead plant environmental improvements**

Adelaide Brighton Cement today announced it will invest \$4 million in a range of environmental improvements at its Birkenhead plant over the next two years.

It follows the approval of Adelaide Brighton Cement's Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP) by the ABC Community Liaison Group and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), which sets out ongoing improvements to the Birkenhead plant.

Adelaide Brighton Cement has invested more than \$2 million under the previous EIP covering the past 4 years.

Regional Executive General Manager, Michael Miller, said the latest commitment to environmental initiatives was a result of extensive consultation with the local community and other major stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcomes for the region.

"Our focus has been to produce a targeted, measurable, outcome-based program aimed at further enhancing our environmental performance and continually improving our local environment," Mr Miller said.

"In only the current first quarter of 2016 we have invested more than \$1.8 million in major noise and dust abatement projects including upgrading of the chain assembly in our limestone reclaimer shed, installation of an upgraded silencer on our main stack and construction of a new stockpile storage bunker."

"We're also seeing measurable results on other initiatives we have recently undertaken. For example, by optimising our stack emission control equipment we've achieved a greater than 20 per cent reduction in stack emissions."

As part of the approved EIP developed in conjunction with the wider community, the Community Liaison Group and the EPA, Adelaide Brighton Cement will continue to provide quarterly updates on progress of its implementation.

A report into Adelaide Brighton's contribution to the South Australian economy prepared in 2015 has shown that the company has contributed more than \$400 million per annum to the State's Gross State Product.

The company currently employs 450 people in South Australia, and in turn supports a total of 3,000 full-time equivalent jobs in the State. This employment is concentrated in Adelaide's north western suburbs and in the Barossa region as a result of its Angaston operations.

"Adelaide Brighton's economic value demonstrates that long term national companies such as Adelaide Brighton play a significant role in boosting the South Australian economy," Mr Miller said.

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