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Collaboration ensures connectivity for emerging producer

The ingenuity of a Mildura-based electronics business has ensured connectivity for an emerging iron ore producer building a world-class mine south west of Broken Hill.

Hawsons Iron is progressing the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) for its flagship Hawsons Iron project which boasts a magnetite resource capable of producing the world's highest-grade iron product essential for decarbonising steel.

However, the location of Hawsons Iron project camp sites outside of existing mobile service range, presented a challenge for communications.

A chance conversation led to a Hawsons Iron team member contacting David Carson Electronics, a business well-known for assisting many outback graziers establish phone and mobile internet services.

After making the 200km trip to inspect the sites, Mr Carson felt he could help, and that he did.

Equipped with just a small tower at one camp site and a second-hand mast at another, Mr Carson's team mounted antennas on each site and aimed them both towards the Thackaringa Hills and its Telstra tower.

Both camps now have mobile phone and mobile internet access, while a tower was erected at one station to enable UHF communications across the site.

Hawsons Iron Managing Director Bryan Granzien said he had been impressed by Mr Carson's resourcefulness and commitment.

"David recognised that it was paramount for our crew to have reliable communications," Mr Granzien said.

"I believe he made the drive from his business to the project sites in the days following our initial request so that he could examine the sites firsthand, prior to making a final recommendation.

"Mr Carson's attitude typifies the outback culture. His passion for communications and the appreciation of the need for remote locations to be safely connected was highly regarded by our company," he said.

Mr Granzien said he was pleased to partner with like-minded businesses that approach challenges with thoughtful, pragmatic imagination.

"David's solution for our camps is a classic case of Australian bush ingenuity," Mr Granzien said.

Mr Carson said work, such as that undertaken on the Hawsons Iron Project, was critical to life in the outback.

“We’ve been here for 50 years and are well aware of the importance of communications in remote locations. It can literally save someone’s life,” he said.

“The reliability and performance of your communications has to be the best. If someone is ill or injured, you need to be able to call for help.

“But it’s all part of the job. All that matters to us is that we improve people’s lives in the outback. That’s what it is about – helping others.”

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Background information on the company and more images and vision are available in the Hawsons Iron media kit: <https://bit.ly/3NoT8c8>

About Hawsons Iron Ltd

Hawsons Iron Ltd (ASX: HIO) is an iron ore developer and producer listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The company is focussed on developing its flagship Hawsons Iron Project near Broken Hill into a premium provider of high-quality iron ore products for the global steel industry.

The Hawsons Iron Project is situated 60km southwest of Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia in the emerging Braemar Iron Province. Prefeasibility Study (PFS) results for the Project, which was completed in 2017, showed that it is capable of producing the world’s highest-grade iron product (70% Fe), making it the world’s leading undeveloped high-quality iron ore concentrate and pellet feed project. Leading research firm Wood Mackenzie in Q2 FY 2019 rated the project one of the world’s best high-grade iron ore development projects, excluding replacement or expansion projects owned by the established miners.

The Hawsons Iron Project Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) is targeted for completion in December 2022.

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