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TASRAIL HONOURS NORSKE SKOG MILESTONE

TasRail congratulates Norske Skog on its milestone anniversary today, achieving 75 years of continuous operations at the Boyer Mill.

Norske Skog is a major customer of TasRail.

TasRail Chief Executive Officer, Damien White praised Norske Skog for its achievement and for its sustained commitment to the State. "TasRail is very proud to supply rail freight services to this iconic Tasmanian industry", he said.

Mr White said the railway had enjoyed a long and successful association with the Boyer Mill throughout the decades. "Collectively our two respective industries have played a key role in the social and economic development of the State, particularly through the creation of economic and employment opportunities", he said.

"Since TasRail's establishment just six years go, more than two million tonnes of paper has been railed between Boyer and Burnie", he said. "It's a commercial partnership that continues to deliver value to the community and serves the Tasmanian economy well".

In a public acknowledgement of the milestone, TasRail has installed special branding on one of its locomotives.

Mr White said the Norske Skog branding served two purposes. "It's an appropriate recognition of the achievement of one of our major customers and of its importance to the State", he said. "It also serves as a reminder of the value of rail".

"Based on TasRail's freight task, independent analysis quantified that for the financial year 2013-14, rail had delivered savings to the community estimated to total \$26 million", he said. "The analysis confirms that rail is the most efficient freight mode on major freight routes such as the Brighton to Burnie corridor, on which TasRail currently hauls 68 per cent of available contestable freight, including paper for Norske Skog".

Mr White said TasRail looked forward to continuing to work with Norske Skog to meet the freight and logistics needs of the Boyer Mill for many years to come.

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About TasRail

TasRail is a State-owned Company, established on 1 December 2009 by an Act of the Tasmanian Parliament. The principal objectives of the business are set out in the Rail Company Act 2009 and require the Company to operate a rail business in Tasmania, effectively and efficiently and to operate its activities in accordance with sound commercial practice. With a workforce of around 240 men and women, Tasmania's current freight task is approximately 2.6 million tonnes per year – generating annual revenue in the order of \$37 million. TasRail conservatively estimates that the freight it transports by rail each year effectively removes the equivalent of 140,000 B-Double truck movements from the State's road network.