

# South of Embley project

## Expression of interest

### Airline Services (FIFO)

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#### General Description

Rio Tinto's South of Embley (SoE) project is located approximately 40 km south-west of Weipa in Far North Queensland, Australia. The project site will require a Contractor to provide an air charter service between Weipa and Cairns.

#### Work Included

The scope of work includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Design and provide an air charter schedule between Weipa and Cairns to align with the following requirements.
  - Operate from notice to proceed (circa September 2016) to demobilisation (4Q, 2018)
  - Have the flexibility to ramp up and down the number of available seats required to meet Project and local community needs commensurate with seasonal demand and Project phasing
  - Align schedules such that they provide sufficient time to meet other connections from Cairns for out bound passengers and in bound passengers
  - Operate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to meet the Project's scheduled work roster
  - Provide contingencies for those occasions where connecting flights are missed due to weather delays, unavailability and/or cancellation of schedule services
- Supply of aircraft, equipment, fuel, suitably qualified and experienced flight and ground support staff, consumables and any other items required for safe and efficient air charter service between Weipa and Cairns
- Supply ground support operations which include, but not limited to, aircraft fuelling, baggage and cargo handling, passenger check-in and all other aspects of terminal operation
- Provide passenger check-in, security screening, boarding and baggage handling at Weipa and Cairns terminals
- Interact with airport management as required
- Provide a reservation service, ticketing, and itinerary confirmation for all air charters under the Contract
- Supply of equipment, operations and maintenance personnel and all other consumables required for ground support operations and aircraft at Cairns and Weipa
- Plan and availability of backup aircraft in the event of maintenance problems or increased passenger demand

- Provide flight plans including proposed flight schedule, average flight duration and services provided en-route
- Provide ground equipment mobilisation and management plan for Cairns and Weipa terminals
- Additional aircraft and/or contingencies to assist the evacuation of Project personnel from Weipa in the event of a cyclone affecting the area

## Personnel Movements

Regular passenger services should be capable of servicing the movement of personnel between Cairns and Weipa for Q1-Q2 2016, with charter services required from beginning of Q3 2016.

Project Personnel numbers increase from April 2017 to a peak in mid 2018, with approximately 700 passenger movements per week i.e. 350 pax inbound and 350 outbound over three days (i.e. Tuesday – Thursday inclusive).

Schedules should be managed such that they provide outbound passengers sufficient time to meet other connections at Cairns on the day of travel. Project preference is for a 0900 departure time from Weipa. Schedules should allow inbound passengers sufficient time to arrive at Weipa no later than 1600 on the day of travel.

## Cargo Specifications

There will be a need to carry both project cargo and passenger luggage on charter flights. Cargo requirements are not yet defined however all potential tenderers need to be able to provide the maximum cargo allowances for each proposed aircraft.

## Delivery Schedule

### Forecast Award Date: 3Q, 2016

In 2015, Rio Tinto is undertaking a detailed feasibility study that will inform a final investment decision. A decision is expected to be received in the final quarter of 2015. Future procurement decisions are dependent on board approval.

## Instructions to Tenderers

If your business possesses the capability and capacity to perform the stated scope of work, please submit a registration of interest via the ICN Gateway at [www.southofemblem.icn.org.au](http://www.southofemblem.icn.org.au).

Please ensure that:

- Your company profile on ICN Gateway is complete, up-to-date and accurate
- You register your interest as a Full Scope or Partial Scope supplier (where applicable), and
- You respond to all project-specific questions via the ICN Gateway.

## More Information

Please contact the Industry Capability Network Queensland on +61 (7) 3364 0676 should you have any enquiries regarding this scope of work.

More information about the South of Embley Project can be found on the Rio Tinto website [www.riotinto.com](http://www.riotinto.com).

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