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Silica Resources Australia/Jabin inaugural Indigenous Engineering Scholarship awarded to Innisfail's Mia Terry

26 November 2025: Silica Resources Australia and Jabin are pleased to announce Innisfail year 12 student Mia Terry as the inaugural recipient of an Indigenous Engineering Scholarship, providing \$20,000 a year, mentoring and work placement while studying engineering at university.

"Silica Resources Australia is very excited to offer this scholarship to Mia, who is an outstanding recipient. Along with her academic achievements, Mia was elected by her peers to be a college leader at Good Counsel College. She has a strong dance and performance background, along with volunteering in the community," said Rob Tindall, CEO/Managing Director of Silica Resources Australia.

"Silica Resources Australia believes in being a part of the community and ensuring the benefits from the Mourilyan Silica Sands project flow locally. We play an important role in fostering the skills of the next generation of leaders. Partnering with Jabin, an Indigenous owned and founded engineering consultancy, will give Mia the opportunity to be mentored and work with other Indigenous engineers," said Mr Tindall.

Jabin founder and co-director Dennis Jose said, "as a former Innisfail student myself, I'm really proud to be able to partner with Silica Resources Australia and offer this opportunity to the next generation of Cassowary Coast Indigenous Engineers."

"As part of the scholarship, Jabin will provide mentoring and work placement for Mia while she studies her degree at the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane and during university holidays.

"When you grow up in a small town, it is sometimes not easy to move to a big city for university and Jabin hopes to be able to support Mia with this transition," said Mr Jose.

Elizabeth Sutton, Deputy Principal, Good Counsel College, said, "The college is delighted that one of our students is the inaugural recipient of this scholarship. As a college leader, Mia has developed her leadership skills and no doubt, will inspire the students younger than her, not just at Good Counsel, but across the Cassowary Coast, to consider studying engineering and applying for the scholarship in future years."

Mia, a proud Mamu and Malanburra Yidinji woman, said, “The financial support provided by this scholarship will significantly help me and my family to cover the costs of moving to Brisbane to study. It will allow me to focus on my studies, while covering my living costs and I sincerely thank SRA and Jabin for the opportunity.”

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Photo L-R: Peter Lansom, Board Chair Silica Resources Australia, Rob Tindall, CEO/Managing Director Silica Resources Australia, Mia Terry Silica Resources Australia/Jabin inaugural Indigenous Engineering Scholarship recipient, Elizabeth Sutton Deputy Principal Good Counsel College, Dennis Jose, founding director and owner Jabin.

Background:

Silica Resources Australia (SRA) is proud to partner with Jabin, an Indigenous owned and founded engineering consultancy based in Cairns and Brisbane, to offer one [Indigenous engineering scholarship every two years](#).

Silica Resources Australia’s Mourilyan Silica Sands project is based at Kurrimine Beach. Jabin founding director and owner Dennis Jose went to school at Innisfail State College, before completing university at CQU in Rockhampton and a professional career working for large engineering consultancies. This scholarship aims to support the next generation of Indigenous engineers from the Cassowary Coast to make positive and impactful contributions to the lives of their communities through the profession of engineering.

This scholarship forms part of SRA’s Indigenous Engagement Plan and is in addition to commitments in the Native Title Agreement with Mamu Aboriginal Corporation.

The scholarship is for students with a connection to the Cassowary Coast, either at a university or going into a university degree in engineering related to the mining sector.

The scholarship is funded by SRA, through a partnership and professional support with Jabin. The next scholarship will be offered in 2027.

About Silica Resources Australia:

Silica Resources Australia (SRA) is a 100% Australian-owned company delivering a strategically significant critical minerals project. With a commitment to operational transparency, SRA is developing a fully permitted silica project that supports local industry, leverages existing infrastructure and contributes meaningfully to regional economic growth and diversification.

Located in Far North Queensland, the Mourilyan Silica Sands Project is already underway, with Stage 1 operations extracting high-purity silica from a former 20 plus years quarry site. Backed by long-term investment, compliance-driven environmental planning and community-first engagement, SRA is not only advancing a critical input for the global energy transition, defence and technological innovations but doing so in a way that reflects Australian values: responsible development, job creation and lasting local benefit.

With a strong focus on excellence across everything it does, developing regional partnerships and infrastructure efficiency, SRA is positioning itself as a trusted, transparent and forward-looking player in Australia’s critical minerals landscape, supporting sustainable growth and prosperity across the Cassowary Coast and beyond.

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