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Thiess awarded Melbourne M80 Ringroad Upgrade Alliance contract

Thiess has been awarded a significant alliance contract for the Tulla Sydney section of the \$2.25 billion M80 Ring Road Upgrade.

Thiess and design partners Parsons Brinkerhoff and Hyder Consulting will join VicRoads to form the 'Tulla Sydney Alliance' which will design manage and deliver the works.

Considered a critical component of Melbourne's road network, the M80 Ring Road links a number of corridors and major arterial roads and facilitates freight movement between Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate capitals. The \$2.25 billion M80 Ring Road Upgrade will deliver widening and improvement works to improve safety and congestion and improve travel times and reliability, especially during peak periods.

VicRoads has identified the 8.4km Tulla Sydney section between the Tullamarine Freeway and Sydney Road section as the highest priority to upgrade, as it has been subject to the most congestion.

Improvements to this section will include:

- Road works to achieve a minimum scope of three through lanes in each direction
- Upgrades to existing bridges
- Provision of an Intelligent Transport System (ITS)
- Provision of landscaping and urban design elements to improve amenity and driveability

Thiess Managing Director, David Saxelby, said the project would bring substantial benefits to the Victorian community. "We're looking forward to be working again with the Australian and Victorian State Governments. Once delivered this important project will help positively position Victoria's roads for future economic growth."

General Manager Vic/SA/Tas/NZ, Gordon Taylor, said Thiess valued its strong relationship with VicRoads. "Thiess and VicRoads are currently working together through the West Gate Freeway Alliance, to deliver the West Gate Freeway section of the M1 Upgrade. Together we also successfully completed the Harcourt North stage of the Calder Freeway Upgrade recently."

"Together with our alliance partners Thiess will bring the right skills, experience and innovative thinking to the Tulla Sydney Alliance to will help deliver this project successfully."

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For the past 75 years Thiess has been helping to build our nation. The Snowy Mountains Scheme, Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Lane Cove Tunnel, Melbourne's \$2.5 billion EastLink project and Brisbane's Airport Link are just a few iconic projects to bear the Thiess brand. A commitment to delivering great outcomes for clients has allowed the company to expand internationally and become one of Australia's leading and most trusted contract mining, construction and services companies.

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