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Thiess celebrates 90 years

On 16 April 1934, the small farming and roadworks company Thiess Bros began operating in rural Australia. Ninety years later, Thiess has grown across seven countries and three continents, with more than 15,000 employees – to be at the forefront of sustainable mining and infrastructure services.

Reflecting on these achievements, Thiess Group Executive Chair and CEO Michael Wright said: “Since 1934, Thiess has remained focussed on delivering great value to our clients, continually improving and evolving, driven by our pioneering spirit to pursue new opportunities across industries and geographies.”

Throughout its 90 years of operations, Thiess has challenged norms, created opportunities from change, and has always moved forward.

Mr Wright said: “In the 1930s, we used innovative thinking and technical skills in earthworks and equipment to build a business; in the 1940s, we worked with the Australian Government and US Army to assist in the war effort, building wartime infrastructure and providing energy for society.

“In the 1950s and 1960s, we helped construct Australia’s nation-building Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric scheme, and played a key role in establishing trade with Japan as we brought Toyota to Australia, and opened up the Bowen Basin for the export of coal to Japan.

“Along the way, we were one of the first Australian companies to go into Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, and Asia more broadly. Today we continue to grow into new regions, expanding our services and jurisdictions, and positioning Thiess for the future.

“We will continue to transform our business and leverage our founders’ pioneering spirit to innovate sustainable solutions for a brighter tomorrow, for our people, our clients and communities.”

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1. **Thiess pioneering tomorrow_1930s tractor_2020s SATS.JPG:** Technology changes, but Thiess pioneering spirit continues to thrive through innovation: A Thiess Bros employee on a tractor in the 1930s, and a Thiess team member remotely controlling a semi-autonomous tractor system (SATS) dozer, 2021
2. **Thiess pioneering tomorrow_Thiess Bros team 1940s_Thiess team 2020s.JPG:** The Thiess pioneering spirit continues to inspire new generations: The Thiess brothers and their employees in front of a haul truck in the 1950s, Thiess team in front of a haul truck, 2021
3. **Thiess pioneering tomorrow_1950s Progress_2020s progress.JPG:** Soaring to new heights: Thiess Bros employees in front of the company plane Progress in the 1950s, a Thiess Rehabilitation team member prepares a drone for survey work, 2021

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About the Thiess Group

The Thiess Group operates in the mining, infrastructure and resources sectors across Australia, Asia and the Americas with more than 15,000 employees.

Through our companies, we connect with clients across geographies, commodities and cultures to deliver bespoke and sustainable solutions. Our capabilities extend across the mine life cycle from engineering, asset management, extraction and haulage, civil and infrastructure, crushing and processing, and rehabilitation.

The Thiess Group consists of Thiess (including Thiess Rehabilitation), MACA, Fleetco and RTL.

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