



The Iron Road and Emerald Grain Partnership

Iron Road has always stated that it would develop multi-user rail and port facilities with the aim of opening up both import and export opportunities for the Eyre Peninsula. In early March 2016, Iron Road and Emerald Grain announced their partnership to explore opportunities to access the proposed CEIP rail and port infrastructure, building on a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the parties in early 2014.

Why a grain partner?

Grain is an obvious choice with the CEIP port and rail infrastructure being well placed geographically to serve growers across the central Eyre Peninsula. Iron Road believes that a modern, efficient and internationally competitive grain distribution and supply chain network has the potential to bring significant benefits to the community and region.

Who are Emerald and what is their relationship with Sumitomo?

Emerald is an internationally respected grain handler with strong connections to the Eyre Peninsula and the South Australian grain industry with a particular interest in trading in the Asia Pacific region. Eyre Peninsula's grain production is almost wholly export focused, with an increasing volume of production directed towards Asian markets.

In February 2014, Sumitomo Corporation, one of Japan's most respected companies, wholly acquired Emerald Grain. Sumitomo Corporation has a 400 year trading history that includes directly working with growers and endeavouring to maximise their benefits. This parallels Iron Road's intention to maximise benefits to the region, while minimising any impacts from our presence, making Emerald (Sumitomo) and Iron Road a good cultural fit.

What are the potential opportunities?

- A purpose-built, modern ship loader, grain conveyor, steel silos and bunkers for export of at least one million tonnes of grain per annum.

- Increased competition in grain logistics and storage on the EP delivering savings direct to growers.
- Container import/export capability at Cape Hardy.

Will approvals for the CEIP cover the export of grain?

No. Iron Road's EIS application only covers the proposed export of magnetite concentrate therefore Emerald Grain will be required to obtain its own approvals for the export of grain.

What is the timeline?

This will be determined by Iron Road's CEIP construction schedule. Emerald will work with Iron Road in sequencing the grain construction elements.

Update on the CEIP EIS and MLP

On 21st March 2016 the SA Government published copies of 105 submissions received during the public consultation process which ran for almost 11 weeks from 19 November 2015 to 2 February 2016. Iron Road is pleased to advise that 52 of those submissions were supportive of the CEIP and urged the SA Government to approve the mine and associated infrastructure.

The company will now answer all questions and concerns raised in the submissions in two separate Response Documents – one for the EIS which will be lodged with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) for assessment by the Minister for Planning and the Governor of SA, and the second for the MLP which will be submitted to the Department of State Development (DSD) for assessment by the Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy.

The public submissions, together with Government comments in relation to both the EIS and MLP may be viewed at www.ceipconsultation.sa.gov.au