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RE: Building of CHAY Hopper Sub Assemblies

Jeremy Hawkes and everyone involved in the Murrayland's Consortium,

Late in 2006 Bluebird Rail won a project to design & build (2) pack CHAY Hoppers for CFCL(A) which totalled 75 (2) packs. Bluebird's dilemma was how were we to build these wagons in the timeframe we were given to build them in. It was quickly realised that Bluebird along with another subcontractor (who couldn't up their rate we required of them) couldn't perform all these tasks in the allowable timeframe. Our answer to the above problem came in the form of the **Murrayland's Fabrication Consortium** who had just been formed through the companies of Bowhill Engineering, Jacksons Australia Pty Ltd and Horwood Bagshaw.

We were quickly assured that they had the room to do such work through meetings and visits to all (3) sites but did they have the expertise to do such work and deliver on time after all we required Centre-sills to be built along with Side-sills and Door & Chutes in a short timeframe.

It is here I would like to thank Bowhill Engineering for their professionalism in the way you project managed and co-ordinated the work between all (3) companies and the transport company. Your value adding in the way you made suggestions which helped improve the quality of our finished product along with all the manufacturing of all the chutes and doors (500t+). To Jacksons for manufacture of Centre-sills (240t) and getting in and delivering a quality product ahead of time and within our budgets and to Horwood Bagshaw for manufacture of side sills (430t+), again delivering a quality product ahead of time and within our budgets plus when we asked everyone to up the ante it was done with a minimum of fuss. I would have no hesitations in recommending you to other future customers who would consider using the **Murrayland's Fabrication Consortium**, and wish you all the best in the future.

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