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New Twizel branch signals commitment to Mackenzie region

Growth in the local development and construction markets has attracted a major South Island earthworks firm to set up a permanent base in the Mackenzie region.

Paul Smith Earthmoving (PSE) this month (March 2018) appointed a new Mackenzie Area Manager and opened a new Twizel depot. The move is a commitment to the local region and is expected to result in employment and sub-contracting opportunities for local residents and businesses.

PSE's Mackenzie Area Manager Johan Gerritsen arrived in Twizel earlier this month with his family and is looking forward to becoming part of the local community.

"PSE already has some significant projects underway and there is more work in the pipeline. It's important for us to play a role in the local community and we're optimistic about what the future holds. As we grow our local business it's likely we'll need additional administration and sub-contractor support and we will be turning to local residents and businesses."

Johan is a Civil Engineer and has moved with his family from South Africa for the new role. He holds an advanced degree in Transportation Engineering with experience in all aspects of the job, from footpath construction through to the construction of a national high-speed railway line.

"It's a new and exciting challenge that my family and I are looking forward to. We're moving to a new country, a new job and basically a new life; we can't wait to meet our new neighbours and make friends in the area."

PSE Director Bruce Tinnelly says the permanent move to the Mackenzie region was a logical one for the business, which already has 15 years' experience in the area. PSE has worked on both residential and commercial projects in the district and is confident that business will continue to grow.

"We intend to be in the Mackenzie District for the long term and, along with our business interests, we'll be taking an active role in the local community. We expect to grow our Hooker Crescent depot and provide employment for locals across a range of roles. There are great opportunities in the area and we are excited to be here.

"We are looking forward to becoming more involved in the local industry and working with people to help grow our business and contribute to the local economy."

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