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## **Key transport upgrades provide ongoing security to Australian Egg Producers**

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**Huntly, VIC.** Specialised Breeders Australia (SBA) today announced that it has completed the upgrade of its transport and logistics capability. Alongside the recent commissioning of a new state of the art hatchery in Rochester, Victoria a new fleet of Kenworth and Scania prime movers and Van Ravenhorst trailers will provide Australian egg farmers with a secure supply of layer stock for years to come.

Shane Bullock, SBA's Hatchery Manager, explains "It has been a busy time for SBA, our new hatchery is now fully operational and in parallel we have been upgrading our logistics capabilities. Our new hatchery is producing high quality chicks, and we have ensured that we deliver them in terrific condition.

"The size of Australia is a unique challenge for livestock logistics. Our trucks travel thousands of kilometres from Northern Victoria where winter temperatures drop below freezing right up to the tropical north with baking heat in summer. When we searched for a company to supply our trailers we needed the world's best – which is how came to partner with Van Ravenhorst."

SBA worked with Van Ravenhorst of the Netherlands to design trailers with extra redundancy in place. Mr Bullock continues "The power generation, heating, cooling, and air circulation systems all have a fully redundant backup in place. The new trailers and prime movers give us the ability to deliver chicks across to Western Australian customers if needed.

"The Scania and Kenworth prime movers were chosen for their outstanding reliability and safety features. Our supply agreements ensure that in the event of breakdown a replacement truck is available giving further peace of mind to our customers." says Mr. Bullock.

SBA has also invested in a dedicated off-site cleaning and sanitation facility to provide an additional bio-security separation between commercial egg farms and their hatchery facility. Mr. Bullock continues "When designing the hatchery bio-security was a key consideration so the decision was taken to purchase additional isolated land away from any of our facilities. We have built a new wash facility that disinfects the trucks and chick delivery baskets upon the return from each delivery before the truck enters to the hatchery."

The multimillion dollar capital investment was undertaken to ensure chicks arrive on egg producer's farms in the best possible condition, consistently.

### **About Specialised Breeders Australia**

Specialised Breeders Australia (SBA) is the largest supplier of day old chicks and point of lay pullets to the Australian egg industry. Based close to the Victorian city of Bendigo and employing 140 staff, SBA supplies the world's leading layer breeds, Hy-Line® Brown and Lohmann Brown to Australian egg producers.

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