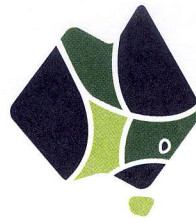


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To whom it may concern

RE: Industry Leaders Fund Inc. – Application Jeremy Hawkes

I have been made aware of Jeremy's interest in obtaining grant funding to develop further business skills and opportunities.

Jeremy has indicated that a short tour of leading manufacturing business in Japan would be his objective if successful. I am advised that the high level connection to Global Industry players such as Toyota, Rinnai may be possible.

In my role as Chief Executive of Regional Development Australia I have the opportunity to be engaged with and observe many regional businesses. I have no hesitation in recommending consideration of an application from Jeremy for the purpose outlined.

I have witnessed ongoing growth of the principal company under Jeremy's control "Bowhill Engineering." It is a matter of record that growth and innovation have been consistent in Bowhill Engineering over the last decade. Initially within the family structure and in the last period of at least 8 years directly as a result of the professional manner of Jeremy and his team.

The business has been awarded many important awards that have been achieved through best practice management, innovation, research and development and continued investment in embracing change.

In closing I wish to acknowledge that Jeremy has given freely to encourage and support collaboration of other manufacturing and downstream businesses particularly within our region. He has taken an active part in working with others to share information and tackle barriers in a wider business methodology. Whatever Jeremy discovers in such an international visit will be of value to the greater region due to his inclusive business style.

I strongly recommend Jeremy and his application for consideration with complete confidence it would be a wise investment.

Yours sincerely

Brenton Lewis

Chief Executive