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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Centurion adds central corridor to its national footprint with acquisition of Adelaide based ABC Transport**

Leading transport and logistics provider Centurion Transport is further expanding its national footprint, today announcing its purchase of South Australia-based refrigerated and general linehaul freight transport business, ABC Transport Holdings Pty Ltd trading as ABC Transport.

For more than 22 years, ABC Transport has served customers up and down central Australia, from Adelaide, Darwin, Katherine and Kununurra, establishing strong relationships with customers. In 2021, ABC Transport acquired Gilberts Transport.

ABC Transport business will be transitioned to become part of Centurion's operations, further building out the company's existing national presence throughout South Australia, Northern Territory, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

Centurion also purchased Rockhampton-based logistics business, Rocky's Own Transport, earlier this year.

Centurion CEO Justin Cardaci said the ABC Transport acquisition was part of Centurion's broader strategy to expand the company's operational footprint and continuing to provide logistics solutions throughout the resource rich areas of Australia.

"This acquisition adds an important and central corridor into our national presence, providing further opportunities to leverage our existing operations in Australia's West, East and North," Mr Cardaci said.

"Our vision is for a seamless national footprint and this acquisition, with its Adelaide to Darwin focus, is a key part of that. We will continue looking for ways to grow our trusted service and build on our commitment to service the regional communities of Australia.

"Centurion has a strong presence with service to the mining and energy sectors, and we believe this is an area of future opportunity for the combined business in South Australia and Northern Territory."

Acquiring ABC Transport means Centurion now employs more than 2400 people across 35 sites, deploying more than 900 prime movers and over 3000 trailers on key transport routes throughout Australia.

"Centurion welcomes the teams from ABC Transport and Gilberts Transport into our operations. Their people will become our people and we're looking forward to having them part of the Centurion family" Mr Cardaci said.



Andrew Cogan and the team at ABC Transport have built a solid business transporting frozen and chilled goods, dairy, fresh meats, and other perishable goods through Central and Northern Australia through an established network supplying supermarket chains and leading producers.

ABC Transport CEO Andrew Cogan said he was proud that the business he founded in 1998 would become part of Centurion.

“Our 260-plus employees will have a great future at Centurion, which has an industry-leading approach to safety and deploying advanced technology both on the road and in the warehouse,” he said.

Mr Cogan and his leadership team will remain with the business post settlement.

“The Cardaci family is committed long term to the transport and logistics industry, the people who work in it and the regional communities that it serves.”

The company will continue to offer general freight services to local businesses up and down the Stuart Highway.