



Wettenhalls buys growing Melbourne-based heavy haulage specialist



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Transport and logistics company, Wettenhalls, has acquired the Geelong-based Allied Transport Services.

Running a fleet of 40 vehicles, Allied Transport Services has specialised in over-dimensional heavy haulage utilising 45m steerable triple extendable trailers, platform trailers and low ride height vessel trailers.

It also carries heavy rigid tilt trays, crane trucks, ute services and other high load capacity equipment.

The new line of business, to be named Wettenhalls Heavy Haulage and Specialised Services, will work across infrastructure nationally and employ up to 400 staff.

Family-owned, Wettenhalls is looking to expand its footprint into the strong Victorian construction market as it seeks to take advantage of new opportunities.

The company, which was founded in Colac back in 1925, provides services across food transport, specialist bulk, container and third party logistics running its operations up the length of the Australian eastern seaboard from Warrnambool to Townsville.

In a statement on its website, Wettenhalls said the acquisition would not result in any job losses across the business.

Wettenhalls CEO Mike Lean said the acquisition brings together two successful businesses in a powerful and strategic alliance.

“Wettenhalls has been building its exposure to the construction sector since 2014 and we’ve been looking for opportunities to expand our service offerings in the broader infrastructure market,” he said.

“In Allied Transport Services we found an extremely well-run and professional transport company whose service profile neatly aligned with where we were looking to grow. Together we will be able to build our offering to support Victoria and the nation’s future growth.”

Allied Managing Director Angelo Lociuoro said the acquisition by Wettenhalls will allow him to offer Allied customers a broader range of services and give him the backing to grow the specialist heavy haulage and over-dimensional services.

Alongside his wife Leah, Lociuoro established Allied Transport Services in 2004, originally as a panel-beating operation before it evolved into towing.

In 2009 after several years of transporting both machinery and cars, Allied Transport Services honed its operations exclusively for the transportation of machinery.

The shift in focus coincided with a boom in construction around Melbourne.

Allied, according to Wettenhalls, has become a critical part of the infrastructure-development landscape in Australia, providing transport for customers in construction, manufacturing, road, civil, mining, shipping, farming, engineering, crane relocation as well as hire and access equipment.

They oversee an estimated 18,000 transport moves a year.

Wettenhalls Heavy Haulage and Specialist Services will offer customers end-to-end transport solutions including project management, route surveys, engineering design, feasibility studies and all permit approvals.

Wettenhalls has been expanding in the construction and infrastructure space for some time, delivering critical components for high-profile developments, such as the Westgate Tunnel project, the Murray Basin project, the CityLink-Tulla widening project and the GMHBA Stadium redevelopment.

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