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FIFO Available | 2:1 or 8:6 | Bowen Basin Preferred

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly experienced ultra-class excavator operator with 11+ years across QLD coal and WA iron ore operations. Proven on Hitachi EX5600, Liebherr R9800 and Komatsu PC8000 face shovels and backhoes loading 240-400t haul trucks. Strong production record, deep understanding of dig-shape control and TKPH loading discipline, and a complete LTI-free safety history. Reliable shift performer with multiple repeat engagements across two Tier-1 coal producers in the Bowen Basin.

KEY SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Ultra-Class Excavator Operations – Hitachi EX5600 (550t), Liebherr R9800 (800t), Komatsu PC8000 (740t) face shovel and backhoe configurations
- Production Loading – Consistent 5-pass loading of 240-400t haul trucks with disciplined dig-shape control and minimal spillage
- Bench Management – Maintaining clean dig faces, managing crest and toe, and safely working with float bench preparation crew
- TKPH Discipline – Even bucket loads, payload variance management, and proactive communication with truck operators on load distribution
- Pre-Start & Compliance – Comprehensive pre-start inspections, fault reporting, and shift handover documentation across multiple equipment classes
- Safety Leadership – Take 5s, JSAs, isolation lock-on/lock-off, and proactive hazard reporting; zero LTI record across 11 years
- Two-Way Communication – Clear dig-pad radio etiquette and coordination with shovel operators, loader operators and pit supervisors
- Adverse Conditions – Wet weather operations, night shift, and disciplined bench shutdown procedures during electrical storms

LICENCES & CERTIFICATIONS

- C Class Manual Driver's Licence
- HR Heavy Rigid Licence
- Standard 11 Generic Mining Induction (Coal)
- Iron Ore Industry Site Induction
- Hitachi EX5600 VOC
- Liebherr R9800 VOC
- Komatsu PC8000 VOC
- CAT 6020/6030 VOC
- Working at Heights
- Confined Space Entry
- Senior First Aid + CPR
- White Card (CPCCWHS1001)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FIFO Excavator Operator

June 2021 – Present

Tier-1 Coal Producer, Bowen Basin QLD

- Operating Hitachi EX5600 (550t) face shovel loading 240t haul trucks across coal and overburden production benches on a 2:1 even-time roster

- Maintaining an average bucket pass time of 32 seconds across 5-pass loads, contributing to consistent shift production targets
- Achieved zero LTIs and zero significant equipment damage events across 1,100+ shifts; recognised in quarterly site safety briefing
- Mentored two new starters through ultra-class excavator on-site VOC sign-off, supporting their progression to independent shift coverage
- Maintained complete pre-start, hazard, and refuel logs with no documentation failures across two annual site audits

Excavator Operator

October 2017 – May 2021

Tier-1 Iron Ore Producer, Pilbara WA

- Operated Liebherr R9800 (800t) and Komatsu PC8000 (740t) backhoe and face shovel configurations on iron ore production benches
- Loaded CAT 793F (227t) and Komatsu 830E (220t) haul trucks across rotating 2:1 day/night shift over four years
- Built reputation for clean dig face presentation and disciplined dig-shape control, repeatedly requested by pit supervisors for difficult digs
- Completed approximately 800 shifts across the engagement with 100% attendance and no roster-swap requests

Trainee Operator → Excavator Operator

July 2014 – September 2017

Mining Labour Hire, QLD / WA

- Progressed from trainee to fully autonomous ultra-class excavator operator across two contracted assignments at major coal and iron ore sites
- Built foundational shift discipline including pre-start inspections, refuelling procedures, and radio protocol on active production benches
- Completed Standard 11 induction and on-site VOCs for CAT 6020, CAT 6030, and Hitachi EX5500 within scheduled training timeframes

REFERENCES

Available on request