**Michelle Light – Photo Story**

My name’s Michelle and I’m an Admin and Lab Assistant.

I work at Tronox, Koombana Bay Bunbury.

It’s near the Port, right opposite the Dolphin Discovery Centre.

I’ve been working at Tronox for nineteen years

I’m coming up to my twenty years in March.

Tronox mines different minerals and then sorts them out

The minerals get used for sunscreen, cool drink cans, make up and toothpaste.

And then a big truck comes along and takes them to the port.

After the sand has been tested I collect the trays from the labs, I put them in bundles of ten and throw the sand down the chute. We don’t need the sand anymore. and then I clean the trays with water. And then a bulldozer comes along and takes the sand away when its full.

They test the sand and then

When it’s really busy I work through morning tea.

I like to get the job done so I know its finished.

Safety is very important, so people don’t get injured.

I always work safe. Sometimes I tell people if they’re not working safe.

If I see something dangerous, I’ll report it to your supervisor.

I always do the SAM thing: Spot the hazard, assess the risk and make the changes.

I’ve got my steel capped boots, I’ve got my gloves, . I’ve got my safety glasses on Ive got my PPE.

My safety record is very good.

Over nineteen twenty years, I’ve never had an accident.

The biggest part of my job is recycling the bags. The bags come from the geologists who were testing the sand from the mine site. The sand gets delivered and test it The geologists dry the sand and test it.

Depends on the day, sometimes I get a lot sometimes I get a few.

I get the sample bags from the wheelbarrow and I tip them into the kipple and then they take the kipple away

We have to shake all the loose sand off, just in case they don’t get the sand out.

You gotta make sure there’s no holes and no missing tags.

And then once the washing machine’s finished, we repeat the cycle again, so they come out perfect. And then put them in the drying cupboard.

The people here are really friendly. I chat to people and have a laugh sometimes.

And I really enjoy working here.

I wanna keep working here as long as I can, so I can earn money, so I can go places.

It’s important to recycle things… I’ve really made a difference by recycling and I’m very proud about it.

Cause it helps the environment, it doesn’t end up in landfill and it won’t kill the wildlife.

The reason the bags are so important is so the minesite people have got new clean bags so they don’t have to keep buying bags …save money.

I’m the first one to do the recycling process. I started the recycling process 19 years ago. Ive learnt how to recycle properly.

There’s a quite a lot of bags to do.

I’ve learnt a lot over the years about minerals and what theyre used for…

It’s a very interesting process. Goes from the minesite to Tronox, gets tested, sorted and recycled.

I like working at Tronox. It’s a good environment. I’m a very friendly persona and I get along with everybody. Sometimes I like to stop and have a chat and have a laugh.

At morning tea I sit down and have a chat and have a laugh with the guys.

I work Mon to Friday as a lab and admin assistant.

I work hard because it’s a lot of work. I’m a hard worker. Ive got lots of jobs. When its busy I work through morning tea because I like to get the job done. So you know its done and

At the end of the day I feel very happy because I’ve done all my work.

It’s good to have a job because you’ve got money so you can buy things.

Having a job helps me save. I like to go out socialising. The money comes in handy.

I’d like to keep working I want to work as along as I can so I

I want to keep working for as long as I can. They say I do a good job. I work efficiently. I always get on with my work.

In my time off I like to go out and hang with my friends.

I’m a really hard worker so I can take some time off. I like to give myself a well earned break

I work hard, save hard

I’ve come such a long way. I brighten up the place a bit. Im so proud of myself…

Tronox is a great place to work. I feel very happy and very proud working here for so long.