

# Quenvale Resources executives accused of bribery in port tender

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Two senior executives of Perth-based mining services company Quenvale Resources Pty Ltd have been accused of paying bribes to win a contract to operate an ore-loading facility at a Western Australian port, a state anti-corruption commission said on Wednesday.

The commission alleges that managing director Lachlan Pembury and commercial manager Tamsin Orrick arranged payments of about AUD 850,000 to two officials involved in the port tender in 2022 and 2023. The payments were allegedly disguised as consulting fees.

Quenvale Resources provides drilling, haulage and ore-handling services to iron-ore miners in the Pilbara region. It won the port contract, worth an estimated AUD 120 million over ten years, in early 2023.

The commission has referred its findings to state prosecutors, who will decide whether to bring criminal charges. Both executives have been stood down while the company conducts its own review.

"We are cooperating with the commission and take these allegations extremely seriously," the company's chair said in a statement.

The port operator said it would review the tender and could cancel the contract if the allegations were proven. Shares in Quenvale Resources fell 14 per cent on the news.

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