Bauxite Hills Mine Construction Update

**Highlights**

- Construction is on time and within budget
  - Pile installation for marine infrastructure is complete
  - Marine Offloading Facility is complete
  - Civils for the Barge Loading Facility complete
  - Haul road construction has begun
  - 11 new camp buildings have arrived and are being installed
- Board & Xinfa Inspects Construction Progress
- Traditional Owners Join the Team

**CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW**

The overall construction program at Metro’s Bauxite Hills Mine is advancing according to the schedule and is on budget.

Installation of marine infrastructure is ahead of schedule with marine pile driving complete. This includes piles for the cyclone moorings and all structures including the Barge Loading Facility. The Marine Offloading Facility is complete and being utilised for unloading of freight and personnel.

SAB Mining (SAB) is undertaking civil works during the mine construction phase, and have been awarded the bauxite mining and haulage contract for the operational phase.

The earthmoving civils for the Barge Loading Facility are complete, as are all sediment dams and the traffic round about at the port. As per the schedule SAB have now moved onto construction of the haul roads, commencing at the port area and working towards the mining areas.

The team that will erect and commission the conveyor systems for the BLF have been mobilised to site, with work to commence next week. The stacker has been delivered to Brisbane and will be transported to site next week. The on-belt analyser is also in transit to site.

A Master Builder has been appointed to manage the installation of the accommodation units in their final location as per the camp design. Eleven further accommodation units have arrived on site and will be progressively installed.
BOARD AND XINFA INSPECT CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Metro Mining’s Board of Directors during their recent visit to inspect the Mine Site.

Metro’s Board on site (L-R) George Lloyd, Phil Hennessy, Lindsay Ward, Simon Finnis, Stephen Everett (Chairman) Aaron Yuan (Alternate) & Ken Xiao (Alternate)

Metro Chairman Stephen Everett says the Board was very satisfied with progress of the construction phase, and are very happy to see high standards of safety, environmental management, and cleanliness.

Two executives from the Xinfa Group visited the mine with the Board. Xinfa, one of the largest integrated aluminium companies in China, has signed a Binding Offtake Agreement with Metro. The agreement has a four-year term and provides for contract tonnage of 1Mt of bauxite in 2018 and 2Mt pa for each of the following three years.

Left – Right: Xinfa Executives Mr Dianzhen Hu (Manager, Raw Materials) & Mr. Quinggang Cui (General Manager, Raw Materials) with Ken Xiao (Metro Alternate Board Member & Xinfa executive)
TRADITIONAL OWNERS JOIN THE TEAM

Cultural heritage clearance works for the haul roads and mining area are in progress, in consultation with the Cultural Heritage Body (Balkanu) and the Ankamuthi, the traditional owners of the land. A Survey Report with proposed management and mitigation measures is due in October.

Around 75 people are currently working on the Bauxite Hills Mine with indigenous employees holding 41% of the positions in all facets of the construction program.
Civils for Barge Load-out Facility Complete

Large picture below shows the barge load-out facility area, inclusive of a large sediment dam, and some footings for the conveyor to the left, and the last few piles being driven for the conveyor structure to the right.
HAUL ROAD CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

Port area showing BLF civils to the right, and the round-about and haul road to the top of the photo. Original shed will be used for a warehouse/workshop when operations commence.
Port area with the roundabout clearly visible, directly inland from the port and the haul road heading off to the right to the mining areas.
PILING INSTALLATION FOR MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLETE

*Piles installed in readiness for construction of the conveyor system that makes up the Barge Load-out Facility*
MATERIAL OFFLOADING FACILITY

The Material Off-loading Facility being used to unload a freight barge with barge moored in the background to a cyclone mooring.
The existing camp to the left with a few new accommodation buildings to the right being prepared for installation.