

Bauxite Hills Mine Preparing for Tropical Cyclone Nora

Key Points

- **The bureau of meteorology has advised that a Tropical Cyclone (TC Nora) has developed in the Gulf of Carpentaria**
- **Metro has flown non-essential staff and contractors out of the Bauxite Hills mine as a precautionary measure**
- **Whilst the mine site is not in the predicted cyclone path it is within range of a possible cyclone path.**
- **This may delay start-up of mining operations by up to 1 week. However, the 2018 production target remains unchanged.**

Tropical Cyclone Nora is predicted to impact the western Cape York region over the weekend. While the predicted cyclone path does not directly impact Bauxite Hills, the mine-site is within the range of a possible cyclone path.

As a result, Metro has implemented safety procedures to minimize risk to its workforce. All non-essential staff and contractors have been flown out of the Bauxite Hills Mine site. A caretaker workforce will remain on site until it considered safe for the full workforce to return.

The project's maritime fleet will be secured at cyclone moorings in the Skardon River until the cyclone threat has passed. The moorings were installed to cater for such events.

Mining operations were due to commence during the week beginning 2nd April. This may now be delayed by up to one week depending on the extent of the rainfall, speed of staff mobilisation back to site and the extent of any storm related damage. Notwithstanding this, there is not expected to be any change to the 2018 production target for the project.