



20 April 2020



COVID-19 Operations

Community Update 2



This is the second Metro Mining FORTNIGHTLY Operations Update on Bauxite Hills during COVID-19.

The main purpose of these Updates is to keep stood-down employees in the NPARC and Cook Shire areas and our Liaison Committee Representatives, aware of what is happening on site and of any changes to the

controls Metro has put in place that may impact on the communities. We will continue to update fortnightly until further notice.

MINING OPERATIONS

Standard 24hr mining operations recommenced 8 April and as at 15 April a total of 142,000 tonnes of bauxite had been mined and hauled to the Port area ready for transshipment.

With the commissioning of the three new triple trailer sets on site, bringing the total to six triple trailers, the benefit of the enlarged fleet is already evident with daily records for haulage being achieved.

The return of the majority of our experienced team members has also aided in the efficient restart.

The first export ship for the 2020 operational year has arrived, out to sea from Skardon River, and loading commenced 14 April.

All procedures put in place for COVID-19 have been embraced by all on site and, to date, have been successful with no impact on operations from the virus.

All the controls described in our first newsletter and listed below remain in place and are being enforced. There have been no additional controls required at this time.

EXISTING Bauxite Hills Mine Controls Include:

- All flights in and out of Bamaga airport have stopped and no Metro employees are to go in or out of the NPA region until further notice.
- 14 NPA employees chose to be stood down and remain in the NPA until return of normal operations
- 4 NPA employees chose to relocate to Cairns to continue work and will receive a living away from home allowance from Metro during this time
- Travel in and out of Cook Shire is restricted and employees from Hopevale or other Cook Shire communities are not able to travel to work from these areas without stringent self-isolation procedures.
- 2 Cook Shire employees chose to be stood down and remain in the Cook Shire region until the return to normal operations
- 1 Cook Shire employee chose to relocate to Cairns to continue work and will receive a living away from home allowance from Metro during this time

- All employees are required to fill in a written health declaration prior to the start of each of their shifts at site and are not allowed to board the plane if they have shown any signs of respiratory illness in the week leading up to their shift.
- All employees have temperature checks prior to boarding the plane and are not allowed to board the plane if they have a temperature.
- Social distancing and hygiene/hand washing rules are enforced at the mine site.
- Stringent cleaning procedures are in place in all areas of the mine site – accommodation rooms, mess, offices, machinery etc.
- There is a strict isolation and evacuation procedures if anyone becomes sick at the mine site, using the Royal Flying Doctors Service for transport to the appropriate hospital. After leaving the mine site, they come under the controls required by the RFDS or the hospital.

EXISTING Metro Mining Controls Include:

- Head office personnel are working from home using online meeting technologies, where possible
- All direct meetings incorporate social distancing and strict hygiene rules
- No one has been stood down from the Head Office at this time
- All travel (Qld, interstate & international) has ceased and any travel would require specific approval and need to be business critical.

With these controls in place, Metro is meeting or exceeding all current Local, State and Commonwealth requirements and will continue to operate under these conditions until further notice.

NEW NEWS

The **Cultural Heritage Survey** work due to commence at Bauxite Hills Monday 13 April was delayed when the Archaeologist's flight from Brisbane was cancelled at short notice. The Archaeologist is now driving to Cairns to start work Monday 20 April. Metro would like to thank SRAC and all Metro-employed Ankamuthi people who are working with us to complete this important work to ensure there are no delays to mining operations.

Metro's **Community Seed Collection** program has had to be modified, as seed pick-up is unavailable while travel restrictions are in place, however seed pickers in the community are encouraged to collect seed, ensuring seed is correctly stored to avoid attack by insects or mould, and Metro will purchase seed after travel restrictions are lifted.

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