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COVID-19 Operations

Community Update 4



MINING OPERATIONS

Mining operations continue to progress well on-site with all Metro employees and contractors following the COVID-19 controls.

Despite some logistical issues associated with implementing the COVID-19 controls, the Bauxite Hills Mine has had its

best start to the year for both mining and shipping.

As at 10 May, over 587,000 tonnes of bauxite had been mined, which is ahead of our budgeted production. To date seven ships have been loaded with bauxite for shipment to China and loading of the eighth ship is underway.

All previously advised controls at the mine site are still in place including, as summarised below:

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.
- 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.
- All Stood down employees are still regarded as Metro Employees and are accruing their usual leave. Their Metro jobs have remained open for them for when COVID-19 ends. Metro paid all stood down employees two-weeks wages and provided a letter stating they had been stood down which allowed them to receive the additional Government COVID-19 subsidy of \$550 per fortnight.
- Face masks are required to be worn on the flights to and from site, and also for any personnel required to share a vehicle while on-site.
- All employees are temperature checked before boarding the plane and are not allowed to board the plane if they have a temperature.
- All employees complete a written health declaration before starting each of their shifts 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.
- 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 with Royal Flying Doctors Service used for transport to the appropriate hospital. Once they leave the mine site, they come under the controls required by the RFDS or the hospital.

PROCESS TO RELAX EXISTING BAUXITE HILLS MINE CONTROLS

While Queensland Government's COVID-19 restrictions are slowly easing, each step takes time, and it will continue to be a long and controlled process to get Queensland and Australia back to normal operations.

In line with Queensland Government, Metro are taking a controlled approach to easing any of site's existing controls. As advised in our previous update Metro, currently, has no plans to relax any existing controls at the mine site however Metro Management are assessing the situation daily and are in consultation with local and State Government agencies.

*As previously noted, **Cape York has been declared a Biosecurity Area under the Commonwealth Biosecurity Act 2015. The potential for Skardon flights to recommence into the NPA region via Bamaga Airport is dependent on Queensland Health confirming this restriction can be lifted. The same restriction applies to the travel of Metro employees into/out of the Hope Vale community.***

Metro is liaising with Qld Health who will notify all relevant parties when these restrictions can be eased. At this stage, Metro has been advised not to recommence flights into the NPA region.

Once Qld Health give approval to recommence flights, Metro will then work with the NPA Regional Council, Bamaga Airport and East Air Aviation to determine a safe process to recommence flights into the community.

At this time, Metro will also work with the Cook Shire Council to confirm travel requirements of employees from the Hope Vale community.

You will be made aware if this decision is made and Metro will send out separate notification to all concerned.

OTHER NEWS:

Metro Mining's inaugural Sustainability Report has been completed for the 2019 calendar year. The report is available on the Metro Mining website at <https://www.metromining.com.au/sustainable-development/> and click on the 'Metro 2019 Sustainability Report'.

A small number of hard copies will be available from the Community Liaison Officer in your region in the near future.

Cultural Heritage Monitors are currently working onsite as required during all vegetation clearing works. These Monitors are appointed in accordance with requirements of the Heritage Body, the Seven Rivers Aboriginal Corporation.

Metro would like to thank all of our employees and community representatives for their ongoing help and understanding during this time.

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