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COVID-19 Operations Community Update 8



MINING OPERATIONS

Bauxite Hills Mine is shipping and producing record amounts as we continue to follow all COVID-19 controls.

As at 12 July over 1.6 M tonnes of bauxite had been mined for 2020 which is ahead of budgeted projections.

To date 23 ships have been loaded with bauxite for shipment to China and loading of the 24th ship is underway.

Metro continues to review our COVID-19 controls as restrictions are being eased. The only new relaxation of controls is:

New Bauxite Hills Mine Controls Include:

- Face masks are no longer required to be worn on flights to and from site, or when sharing a vehicle while on-site.

Existing Bauxite Hills Mine Controls Include:

- Flights between Bauxite Hills Mine (Skardon River) and Bamaga airport are still not allowed as Qld Govt are not set-up to undertake the appropriate checks and reporting. Metro is hopeful direct flights to Bamaga will recommence in the near future.
- Stood down employees from the NPA region may choose to make their own way to Cairns and catch the Metro charter flight between Cairns and the mine site. Employees from the Cook Shire Council area have recommenced their standard travel procedures.
- Metro is not accepting any new applications for the 'Living Away from Home' allowance.
- All Stood down employees from the NPA are regarded as Metro Employees and are accruing their usual leave. Their Metro jobs will be there for them when travel restrictions end.
- 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 procedure if anyone becomes sick at the mine, with Royal Flying Doctors Service used for transport to the appropriate hospital.

PROCESS TO RELAX EXISTING BAUXITE HILLS MINE CONTROLS

Metro continues to review COVID-19 controls and are currently planning a process to reinstate flights between Bamaga and Bauxite Hills Mine at Skardon River.

Metro is hopeful a procedure will be agreed quickly and that flights will recommence in the very near future.

Once all details are approved, Metro will contact the Traditional Owners, NPA Regional Council, Bamaga Airport and East Air Aviation to confirm a definite start date to recommence flights into the NPA Community.

Until flights between Bamaga and Skardon River are reinstated Metro employees from the NPA region may choose to make their own way to Cairns to catch the charter flight between Cairns and the mine site.

As soon the date for recommencement of flights is confirmed, Metro will notify all stood down employees directly and provide the start date of their shift flights to recommence between Bamaga and Bauxite Hills Mine

OTHER NEWS:

Introducing Metro's new Environment and Community Assistant: Metro would like to welcome Whitney Claxton to the Metro team. Whitney will cover for Amy McKellar who is going on Maternity Leave on 7 August.

Liaison Committee Recommencing: Metro will be contacting all LC Reps this week to discuss timing for the upcoming LC Meeting. A meeting early in August is currently being proposed and will be confirmed depending on LC Rep availability.

Seed Collections Recommencing: Dr James Hill will be in Mapoon on Tuesday 28 July between 9am – 12 noon for seed collections. This information has been provided to all relevant Mapoon contacts for distribution.

Metro is attempting to have the Injinoo collections recommence this month and will confirm the dates as soon as possible.

Community Liaison Officer for Mapoon recommencing: Community Liaison Officer, Kathi Steffensen, was to return to Mapoon for the week 13 – 17 July however Kathi has become unwell, with flu-like symptoms, and whilst she has tested negative for Covid-19 Metro decided Kathi should not travel into the Mapoon community while unwell.

Once again, Metro thanks all employees and community representatives for their ongoing help and understanding during this time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Liaison Officer for your area:

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