



COVID-19 Operations Community Update 9



MINING OPERATIONS

In the latest Quarterly Report to the ASX Metro Mining revealed record levels for mining and shipping since mining operations began in 2018.

Bauxite mined for this quarter was 1,419K Wet Metric Tonnes (WMT) with 1,251K WMT shipped.

The report said all aspects of the logistics chain exceeded expectations with strong support received from Metro's foundation customer Xinfra.

Whilst market conditions are improving there remains general uncertainty and lack of confidence in the overall outlook that is resulting in a cautious approach being taken by customers in relation to their buying programs.

While negotiations with several refineries continue Metro has been unable to finalise additional sales contracts for the year and, unless further sales are concluded, the mine may face early wet season shut down. The period of closure would likely extend from early-September to April 2021.

Should additional sales be made Metro may have the opportunity to continue operations, or reopen the mine later in 2020, as the case may be.

It is anticipated that 2021 will see much improved trading conditions.

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 the 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.

Existing Bauxite Hills Mine Controls (continued):

- 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.

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 September is currently being proposed and will be confirmed depending on LC Rep availability.

Seed Collections Recommencing:

Monthly seed collections have recommenced for both Mapoon and Injinoo.

Dr James Hill and Whitney Claxton (Metro) will be in community on the following dates for seed collection:

Month	Mapoon	Injinoo
August	Tuesday 25 th	Thursday 27 th
September	Tuesday 22 nd	Thursday 24 th
October	Tuesday 20 th	Thursday 22 nd

Again, Metro thanks all employees and Community Representatives for their ongoing help and understanding during this time.

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