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Operational Changes at Wongawilli Colliery

As announced on 18 March 2019, all mining activities at Wongawilli were ceased after receiving prohibition notices from the Natural Resources and Mining Regulators – Health and Safety pending complete risk assessment and adequate control measures are put in place, and accepted by the department/regulators.

The mine was re-entered to undertake this work on 1 April 2019. During this recovery stage, our mining officials found another fall on the main belt road.

The Company further announces operational changes at its Wongawilli colliery following difficult operating and financial conditions. This will reduce the significant losses from this operation. The mining operations at the Wongawilli colliery will be suspended and placed into 'Care and Maintenance', which will result in a reduction of the workforce by approximately 45 employees. The operational changes will affect operators, electricians, fitters, deputies and other staff. A small team will be retained to undertake care and maintenance activities.

The Russell Vale colliery has been in care and maintenance since September 2015 and due to operational difficulties at the Wongawilli colliery due to aged infrastructure and equipment, the Company has been sustaining significant losses.

The Company will continue to seek approval for the Underground Expansion Plan (UEP) at the Russell Vale Colliery, which will allow recommencement of extraction of high-quality coking coal. The Company expects the UEP will be referred back to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination later this year.

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