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Queensland Metals employees return to workplace as COVID-19 measures continue

Employees at Glencore’s Queensland Metals operations, who have been able to work remotely to help stop the spread of COVID-19, have started returning to the workplace.

People worked remotely where they could, as one of a range of measures put in place across our operations in March, as we increased our response to the virus.

Glencore’s Queensland Metals General Manager for Health, Safety, Environment and Community, Maryann Wipaki, says after reviewing our risk management processes and seeking the advice of health authorities, we have commenced transitioning employees back to the workplace.

“The transition will take a few weeks and a keen focus will remain on everyone’s wellbeing and safety well into the future.”

“Some controls will continue, including social distancing, temperature testing, increased formal cleaning and sanitising, as well as encouraging employees to continue good personal hygiene and routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces,” says Ms Wipaki.

“In Mount Isa, we have implemented sophisticated automated fever testing units, in addition to the extensive in-person testing we already do. More units are expected to be rolled out across the business in coming months.”

“While the risk is far from over, we would like to thank our workforce in helping to prevent the spread of the virus and keeping our operations in north Queensland COVID-free,” says Ms Wipaki.

“We are urging everyone to keep up the great effort as we enter this next phase.”

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Trials of automated fever testing units are underway at Mount Isa Mines. Personal Protective Equipment such as masks will still be used where necessary.

The importance of personal hygiene will continue to be reinforced at Glencore’s Queensland Metals operations. Social distancing will continue across Glencore’s Queensland Metals operations, as employees return from working remotely.

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