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Tropical Cyclone Laurence

Tropical Cyclone Laurence (Laurence) tracked to the East of Koolan Island as a Category 4 cyclone on the evening of 16 December. Consequently the island received significant rainfall and gale force winds however the impact on operations is minimal.

220 employees were evacuated from site on Monday whilst an emergency restoration crew remained on site within Koolan Island's purpose built cyclone shelter. All essential services to the island have been restored whilst road re-establishment and general clean up will occur during the next 48 hours. Two vessels awaiting ore loading have been anchored offshore and will return for loading when conditions for loading are favourable, which is expected to be within the next 48 hours. Final product ore stockpiles are available to fully load these vessels.

Due to air traffic restrictions into Broome and Derby, whilst Laurence is in the Kimberley region, full mining operations are not expected to resume at Koolan Island until early next week.

"Tropical Cyclone Laurence was a small but very intense system however early preparation and the execution of Koolan Island's Cyclone Management Plan has ensured that the impact to operations is minimised. Installations and infrastructure were severely tested on Koolan Island during the most intense period of the cyclone which endorses the quality of Koolan Island's infrastructure and the site's preparation", Mount Gibson's Managing Director, Luke Tonkin said

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