



## MCA COVID-19 update

### Stakeholder Update 15 – Responding to cases in the Northern Territory

29 June 2021

#### Responding to COVID-19 cases diagnosed in the Northern Territory

The safety, health and wellbeing of workers, families and communities is the minerals industry's first priority.

In accordance with its comprehensive COVID-19 management plan, Newmont Australia's Tanami site in the Northern Territory responded quickly to the detection of a COVID-19 case over the weekend.

The response on the initial outbreak has been described by the Northern Territory Government as outstanding.

The fast response of the site, Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments and Aboriginal health sector have enabled contact tracing, testing and other measures to be occur rapidly. The MCA particularly acknowledges the support of local Aboriginal health organisations to support contact tracing, testing and precautionary health arrangements. Current information has not indicated any impacts on remote communities. A detailed incident update from Newmont is attached.

Other sites in the Northern Territory have also suspended fly-in, fly-out travel as a precaution.

#### Applying lessons across industry

Through the MCA, the minerals industry will work with governments and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector to apply lessons from the July cases nationally.

A critical lesson has been to ask workers whether they have been in quarantine to cover rare cases where the employee may have been misdirected but subsequently, inadvertently, pose an increased risk.

The MCA will share information and lessons through its National COVID-19 Working Group. The working group which includes all state and territory mining chambers and member companies has met regularly since March 2020.

The minerals industry will continue to support the Australian Government's vaccination rollout strategy wherever possible.

The minerals industry's first priority is keeping workers, families and communities safe from COVID-19.

#### Next steps

The MCA will continue to engage with the Aboriginal health sector and Commonwealth, state and territory governments to support local and national health responses.

## UPDATE FROM NEWMONT AUSTRALIA – NEWMONT TANAMI

29 June, 2021

Newmont Australia continues to work closely with the Northern Territory Department of Health to respond to the detection of COVID cases at the Tanami mine in the Northern Territory.

Newmont's first priority is to protect the health and safety of our workforce, and our communities. The Tanami operation remains shut down, with people isolating in individual rooms except for those responsible for critical operations such as catering and support services. At the direction of the Northern Territory Department of Health, some individuals including positive cases and close contacts have been transferred from site to the Howard Springs quarantine facility in Darwin.

The Northern Territory Government has deployed a response team to Site, and Newmont is implementing any further actions as directed by the Northern Territory Department of Health.

Newmont is mobilising additional external resources to Tanami to assist with support services, as our focus is on the health and safety of our workforce and particularly those currently isolating on site.

Newmont is also in close contact with other State Governments to assist with any required information to support contract tracing and testing of those approximately 800 individuals who have left Site since the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021. All staff who have returned from Tanami since that time are subject to health directions in their relevant States or Territory.

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