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Media release:

MMG Century prepared for Cyclone Olga

MMG Century is well prepared for the impact of weather conditions associated with Tropical Cyclone Olga in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Last Sunday, forecast weather conditions triggered Century's Cyclone Contingency Plan and the transfer vessel, used to move concentrates from the port facility to export ships, ceased loading and was secured at the port.

Forecasts today indicate that weather conditions have the potential to intensify. To ensure the safety of all MMG employees and contractors, and the integrity of equipment and infrastructure, MMG has taken a number of steps.

Concentrate production at Century was shutdown on Tuesday and the pipeline that transports concentrate from the mine to the port facility at Karumba is gradually being cleared. Once clear on Friday morning, all operations at the port facility will temporarily cease. The production shutdown has been fully planned and will allow maintenance to re-line the SAG mill. Mining operations are continuing in the pit.

MMG is working with the Karumba community to provide to support them through this time.

"Century has operated in the Gulf for over 10 years and has very thorough contingency and emergency response plans in place to help it manage the situation," said MMG Century General Manager, Mr Karl Spaleck.

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