



ASX Release



MACARTHUR COAL LIMITED

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PORT AND RAIL SERVICES TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DUE TO CYCLONIC CONDITIONS

About Macarthur Coal

Macarthur Coal Limited is the world's largest producer of seaborne low Volatile pulverized injection coal (LVPC) used for steel making. As a supplier to the world's leading steel producers, Macarthur Coal exports its entire product around the globe.

The Company currently operates two mines in Queensland's Bowen Basin and plans to double its production capacity in the next five years through the development of the Middlemount Mine project and an additional mine from its extensive project portfolio.

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Macarthur Coal Limited (ASX: MCC) has received advice that port and rail services through Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal have been suspended due to severe weather conditions associated with Tropical Cyclone Ului.

Consequently the Company will today declare force majeure in relation to all accepted vessels.

At this stage the Company is unable to advise whether the suspension of port and rail services will impact upon its full year sales forecast of 4.8Mt to 5.0Mt.

Preparations are in place at the Company's mine sites to minimise any impact and to ensure the safety of employees and mining operations if predicted severe weather conditions materialise.