

MEMORANDUM



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MRM continues good record of no impact on the Gulf

Traditional Indigenous foods collected from along the Bing Bong coast and the Sir Edward Pellew Islands in the McArthur River estuary are safe to eat according to a report by the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS).

The independent report, produced as part of the Institute's 2009 Annual Marine Monitoring Program, confirms that MRM's operations have had no detrimental impact on seawater, seagrass, surface sediments and several species of oysters and molluscs.

MRM Health, Safety and Environment Manager, Gary Taylor said the annual marine monitoring program has now been running for 17 years including two benchmark years before the mining operations commenced.

"Throughout all these studies, there has been no evidence of environmental harm by the mine," Gary said.

"The monitoring program is purposefully designed to assess traditional food sources for the people of the Sir Edward Pellew Islands. In 2009, we doubled the number of sampling sites to include seven around the Islands identified in consultation with Traditional Owners.

"We understand that food safety is critical to the health of the Island communities and the results of the monitoring program should give confidence to community members."

Metal concentrations in oysters and molluscs were all within an acceptable range based on Australian and New Zealand food standards.

AIMS found that metal and arsenic concentrations and lead isotope ratios in seawater and surface sediments were all under the recommended guidelines set by the Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council (ANZECC 2000) and the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ 2009).

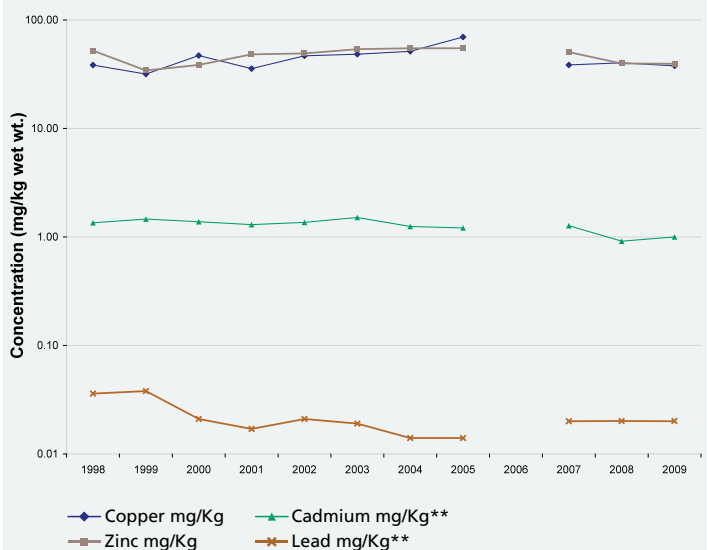
The results also showed cadmium, lead and inorganic arsenic concentrations in oysters from all sites were well below the FSANZ (2009) levels for molluscs. Importantly, they also showed that metal

concentrations in seawater were at or substantially lower than the ANZECC (2000) default trigger values for 99% protection, the highest level of ecosystem protection.

AIMS concluded that there was no measurable impact by MRM on seawater, surface sediments or oysters along the Bing Bong coast and Sir Edward Pellew Islands.

For more information about MRM's marine monitoring programs and other environmental initiatives, visit www.mcarthurrivermine.com.au/environment_monitoringprograms.cfm.

Annual average metal concentrations in Bing Bong oysters 1998–2009*



* No studies were conducted in 2006 due to access issues to the islands.

** The FSANZ 2009 maximum accepted level for cadmium and lead is 2 mg/kg.

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A message from the General Manager



Etienne Moller
General Manager
McArthur River Mining

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the commencement of mining operations at MRM and we are not even half way in the potential life of the mine, based on current approvals.

Our transition from underground to open pit mining extended the mine's life to 2027 based on 2006 production levels, however a significant resource remains underground. What MRM and Borroloola will look like in another 15 years will ultimately be shaped by the policies and developments that are underway now.

With Borroloola identified as one of 20 Northern Territory growth centres, it has now become a focus for infrastructure investment. At a recent forum in town, the participants were briefed on \$23 million worth of construction now being planned including building a bridge over the McArthur River Crossing at Borroloola, a new Vocational Education and Training Centre and upgrades to sewerage and broadband infrastructure.

MRM is continuing to assist the socio-economic development of the region through the MRM Community Benefits Trust. This has genuinely become a catalyst for action. In its first two years of operation, the almost \$4 million in grants issued by the Trust supported projects with a total value of \$15 million. This is a significant injection of capital within such a short period of time.

Back on-site, we are reviewing all opportunities to continuously improve our operations. The Innova Suggestion System is harnessing the ideas of our employees to improve productivity, safety and efficiency. Thanks to all those who have submitted suggestions through this new system. These are now being evaluated.

Ongoing capital investment requirements are also being reviewed. Mining operations are capital intensive in order to remain competitive and efficient. It is one of the reasons we were so concerned about the potential impact of the proposed Federal Government's Resource Super Profits Tax. With this threat now gone and zinc exempted from the new proposal for a Minerals Resource Rent Tax on coal and iron ore, we can get back to considering options for our operations with greater confidence about the tax regime we will be operating within.

Looking ahead, I am confident that MRM will continue to deliver exceptional operational results and in turn, add value to our people, our communities and the broader socio-economic development of the Northern Territory.

NAIDOC Week celebrations



A traditional dancer performing at the Boonū Boonū Festival

Borroloola celebrated NAIDOC Week 2010 (4–11 July) with a host of community events and festivities to showcase the achievements and contributions of Indigenous people.

This year's theme – *'Unsung Heroes - Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way'* – recognised Indigenous leadership in communities across Australia which is creating real and lasting change.

MRM was proud to once again support NAIDOC Week festivities in Borroloola, contributing \$2,500 in sponsorships towards cultural activities and events. MRM also contributed \$3,500 to the annual Boonū Boonū Festival, a cultural dance festival coinciding with NAIDOC Week which celebrates traditional dance groups and musicians from across the region.



Mining Report

Employees at MRM are tuning into two new radio stations during their shifts as part of a new initiative to reduce the risk of fatigue in the open pit.

MRM Mining Manager, Chris McCleave, said new radio transmitters have been installed on site to broaden the listening options for staff working shifts in the open pit.

“Due to the remote location of the mine, until now our staff have had access to two radio stations, of which only one was available within the open pit,” Chris said.

“Now, they have a choice of four stations including Triple J, ABC, AHA and NIRS, a national Indigenous radio service.

“This initiative is about reducing mental fatigue by providing staff with an opportunity to listen to various radio programs and music throughout their shift.”

Chris said production levels in the open pit have continued to improve after a successful start to the year.

“Production remains slightly ahead of schedule, with a total of 10 million tonnes moved between January and May,” he said.

“Our ore targets for the remainder of the year have been revised to approximately 191kt per month, up from 175kt, so we need to continue in our efforts to achieve maximum safe efficiency.

“Our 2010 capital works program has also commenced and will be delivered in partnership with the Processing department at the Tailings Storage Facility, the Administration department at Bing Bong and the Environmental department at the McArthur River Channel.”

Chris said MRM’s water management initiatives are escalating in preparation for the 2010–11 wet season.

“Water management is critical to our productivity and the sustainability of operations, and our focus on this area has increased significantly in the lead up to the next wet season. This included the commencement of a trial of evaporation fans in June, which are designed to speed-up the water dispersal process,” he said.

“Further initiatives will be introduced throughout the year to ensure we have the best possible systems in place.”

15 years of growth and partnerships

In 2010 McArthur River Mine will achieve a milestone anniversary, celebrating 15 years of operations.

MRM General Manager Etienne Moller said that while the mine has developed significantly during that period, so has the surrounding Borroloola region.

Although the area was known for its zinc deposits as far back as 1911, it wasn't until 1965 that the first feasibility study of the site was undertaken by the Carpentaria Exploration Company. The investigation concluded that due to the fine grade of ore, the technology was not yet available to process it and generate a viable product.

It would be three more decades before the mine would actually commence in 1995.

Since that time, MRM has evolved from a small mining operation comprising just 150 staff to become the world's largest bulk producer of zinc concentrate.

Today MRM employs around 400 staff and contractors and produces an average of 175,000 tonnes of ore each month – three times the total annual production from the mine in its first

year of operations. In the process, the mine generates direct economic benefits which were valued at over \$133 million in 2009 alone.

In 1965, Borroloola bore little resemblance to the growing service centre it is today. Marked only by a small airstrip, police station, store and welfare centre, the community comprised about 130 people, mostly seasonal workers from the surrounding region.

Now, Borroloola is home to almost 1,000 people and has been identified by Northern Territory Government as a key growth area and a hub for government services and commercial activity for the gulf region.

Etienne said mining has been a major contributor to the growth and development of Borroloola.

“The mine has helped generate employment opportunities, supported local businesses and funded community projects,” Etienne said.



Safety

1965



Now



Borroloola

1965

1992

MIM Holdings formed a joint venture with Japanese consortium ANT Minerals to develop the resource. After a full feasibility study was completed, McArthur River Mining Pty Ltd was formed to operate the mine

1993

The *McArthur River Project Agreement Ratification Act* was passed by the Northern Territory Government

1995

MRM commenced commercial operations with an underground mine and processing plant

2003

The operation's initiator, MIM, was acquired by Xstrata plc

MRM received the Northern Territory Minister's Recognition Award in Resource Development

2005

Xstrata acquired ANT Minerals' share in the operation to wholly-own MRM

“In many ways, MRM has been a long term partner in the growth of this region.

One example is MRM’s relationship with the Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Corporation (MAWA), a partner in Carpentaria Shipping Services. CSS has held the contract to transport concentrate on the Aburri barge to ships at sea for 15 years and MAWA has received 32% of the profits distributed since.

This has enabled MAWA to provide a broad range of support services to Borroloola, including funding local school initiatives, aged care and emergency transport, and supporting cultural ceremonies and traditions.

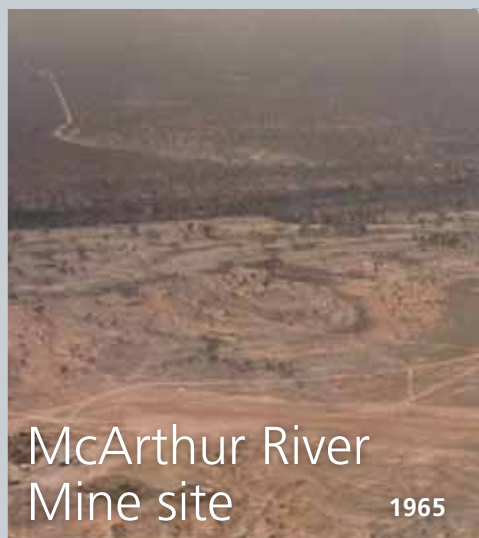
MRM has been proud to be a long-term sponsor of the Borroloola Show, Borroloola Rodeo and Campdraft, NAIDOC Week festivities (and its predecessor cultural events) and the MRM Annual Science Award offered through local schools. MRM is also a longstanding member of numerous community-based Boards and Committees.

It was Xstrata’s acquisition of original mine owner, Mount Isa Mines, in 2003 that has generated the most significant growth in the operation.

Since then, Xstrata has spent more than \$340 million in new projects, expansions and upgrades at MRM including US\$110 million on its conversion from underground to open pit mining initially approved in 2006 and completed in 2009.

Ettienne said MRM’s contributions to Borroloola have increased significantly with the open pit development.

“Our increased production and revenue has enabled us to give even more to the community. During the first 10 years of the mine’s operation, around \$550,000 was contributed in community sponsorships. Since 2006, we’ve contributed almost \$5 million.”



2006

The NT and Federal Governments approved MRM’s US\$110 million open pit development and underground mining ceased

2007

MRM announces a US\$50 million expansion of its concentrator to increase capacity

MRM received the Northern Territory Minerals Council’s Award for Excellence for Community Relations for our investment of over \$1 million in community infrastructure in 2006

2008

MRM named ‘Mine of the Year’ at the 5th Annual Australian Mining Prospect Awards

2009

Technological advances enabled MRM to produce a new zinc concentrate, opening up a new international market

Open pit development completed

Sharing the journey: MRM's longest serving staff

A lot can change in a workplace in 15 years. Technology advances, colleagues come and go, and best-practice work systems change and evolve.

Since MRM first commenced operations in 1995, five men have shared the company's journey of exploration, growth and consolidation through their continuous service.

Eddie Thomas joined the mine as an electrical tradesman in the Metallurgy department, where today he holds the position of Electrical Superintendent.

Together with Ron Dean, Steve Hawkett, Gary Chisolm and Garry Solly, Eddie has seen many changes and improvements to the mine over the years, namely in the areas of technology and safety.

"There are five of us left who started out with the mine. So much has changed since then. Back in the day, there were no occupational health and safety procedures. Today, we are all accountable," Eddie said.

"The friendships I've formed have been great. I've enjoyed the work and the camaraderie with the people out here. We always have a laugh and joke – and there were some great pranks back in the day.

"A favourite prank of one of the boys was to put tobasco sauce in the cream biscuits. It turned a few people red in the face."

Eddie said the remote location of the mine has never presented an issue.

"In a funny sort of way, the remote conditions also give me and my partner our own space. Every time I come home, it's always a great feeling. The arrival of mobile phone coverage has certainly helped bridge the distance."

Eddie said another technological improvement has been the upgrade to the distributed control system, which runs the plant.

"The leap in mining technology over the past 15 years has been mind boggling," he said. "Under the previous DCS, it took seven hours to make a change. Today, under the Windows operating system, it takes just three minutes."

Ron Dean, who joined the mine in 1995 as a mining technician, said the increased emphasis on safety was among the most significant improvements at the mine.

"I've got a few scars. I've survived a rock fall back in 1996 where I was pinned by a rock and needed to be evacuated out. Safety has definitely improved today."

Today, Ron is a Senior Mine Technician with a reputation for being very efficient, maximizing the recovery of ore.

"Even though I'm not a qualified geologist, I probably know more about the ore bodies on this site than most," he said.

"Perhaps the biggest change over the past 15 years is that we used to work underground and now we work in the fresh open air. We also have plenty of extra facilities around the camp – the lifestyle is great. I work hard while I'm here and I enjoy my leisure."

Ron's youngest son, Josh, now works at the mine operating a dump truck and bulldozer.

"He was just six when the mine first opened. He came out for a visit with his mother when he was 16 and caught the bug off his father," he said. "I'm very proud of him, he's done well."

MRM's longest serving employees tell us what some of the biggest changes have been over the past 15 years.



Steve Hawkett
Boilermaker,
Metallurgy Department

"Life in the mill is never dull and the camaraderie is second to none! Driving the 70 tonne crane was an experience that really stood out for me."



Gary Chisholm
Mining Operator,
Mining

"Starting out as an operator maintainer, then boilermaker, then into production, I've seen the mill go from four regrinds to six and have watched the flotation circuit get bigger. However, over the years I've found achieving the set targets to be most satisfying."

CRG Profile – MAWA Chairman Keith Rory



Born and bred in Borroloola, Keith Rory has strong ties to the land he lives on and understands what small Indigenous communities like Borroloola need to thrive.

Keith has always taken a keen interest in finding ways to give back to the Indigenous communities of the Northern Territory to bring about positive change. He has held the role of community liaison and support for the Northern Territory Land Council for nearly 10 years, and more recently was the Chairman and former Deputy Chairman of the Borroloola Community Government Council for six years.

In April 2010, Keith continues his commitment to the region with his appointment as Chairman of the Mawurli and Wirriwangkuma Aboriginal Association (MAWA). In this position, he has also now joined the MRM Community Reference Group as a community representative.

MAWA is a public benevolent institution established in 1994 to provide charitable cultural and social welfare support to the Aboriginal community represented by the four language groups, Marra, Yanyula, Gurdanji and Garrawa people in the Borroloola region.

Keith says he is keen to lead MAWA and its activities to better deliver on what the Borroloola community really needs.

"MAWA was established for the community and in my role as Chairman I'm keen to make sure we can continue to support the community in whatever way it needs, be it financial support for education, health, sport, culture or social welfare activities," Keith said.

"I think MAWA is about bringing the community together, and to do this we need to be flexible enough to offer the help and financial support when, where and how it's needed most."

Keith says he wants to be seen to be making things happen and leave a positive legacy for future generations.

"I want to be remembered for getting results, which means working closely with the citizens and businesses of the Borroloola region to bring about positive change," he said.

"Everything we do is about making the region stronger — from supporting families during difficult times to promoting the region and what it has to offer by supporting sporting groups and events like the Borroloola rodeo.

"At every point we are helping to strengthen our community and to ensure the foundations for our kids' futures are strong."



Garry Solly
Fitter/Project Supervisor,
Projects department

"The constant challenges the mine has been able to offer has been the most enjoyable. Especially the 2.5 tonnes per annum expansion and the rig projects – they would have to be a favourite."



Eddie Thomas
Electrical Superintendent,
Metallurgy Department

"Improvements to technology have definitely been a major change to the way we do business. It has improved safety and efficiency on site. Having access to mobile phone coverage also keeps us connected with family."



Ron Dean
Senior Mine Technician,
Mining Department

"Back in 1995, the mine would have produced about a sixth of what we do now. We have increased our production from 10,000 to 12,000 tonnes of ore and waste every 24 hours to about 80,000 tonnes."

New initiatives in health and safety



ERT members during a safety exercise at MRM

Improving our health and safety performance is an ongoing focus at MRM.

To bolster our capability in this area, there has been an active recruitment drive to source additional members for the mine's Emergency Response Team (ERT).

MRM Health, Safety and Environment Manager, Gary Taylor said this coincided with additional First Aid training for the ERT.

"So far this year more than half of the ERT has been trained to Occupational First Aid level, with additional training to occur during the second half of the year," he said.

"The ERT comprises employees across all departments on the site and regular training is undertaken to improve our preparedness and response in the event of an incident."

Gary said other new health and safety initiatives at MRM in 2010 include:

- Amenity upgrades for camp accommodation facilities, including a new Pilates exercise room
- Lighting upgrades on excavators and graders to improve driver visibility and better night shift identification
- Improved access equipment on heavy earthmoving machinery
- Improved traffic management in the open pit
- Sharing knowledge on void management with Xstrata Zinc's Black Star Open Cut in Mount Isa
- The construction of an elevated walkway between the primary grinding and regrind areas in the mill
- Improved access to the rear of the SAG mill discharge box
- Dust emission reduction initiatives.

Gary said each initiative has been designed to address potential hazards and reduce risks across the entire MRM operation, from administrative support to mining and milling.

MRM COMMUNITY BENEFITS TRUST

Community organisations seeking support to deliver new programs or initiatives in Borroloola are encouraged to apply for the second round of funding for the MRM Community Benefit Trust in 2010.

Trust Project Officer Jane Lawton said the closing date for applications is 1 August.

"The Trust was established to support local initiatives in the areas of enterprise and job creation, environment, arts, culture, health, education, social and community development," Jane said.

"We encourage all eligible community organisations to apply."

Trust Project Officers Jane Lawton and Dan Tillman are available to answer questions and assist in the application process and will be visiting Borroloola on the following dates:

- 27–29 July
- 24–26 August
- 21–23 September

The Board of the MRM Community Benefits Trust will next meet in Borroloola on 27 July 2010. The third and final round of funding for the year will close on 1 November.

For more information or copies of the Project Funding Application Form and Guidelines:

Visit: www.mcarthurriverrivermine.com.au/community_benefitstrust.cfm

Email: CBT@creativeoptions.com.au

Phone: Trust Project Officer, Dan Tillman on 0427 571 628.

CRG meeting update

Members of the MRM Community Reference Group (CRG) met with senior mine staff in June to discuss current activities and partnerships and share ideas and feedback from the community.

During the meeting, MRM Health, Safety and Environment Manager, Gary Taylor provided a detailed presentation on the positive results from the recent independent environmental surveys.

MRM General Manager Ettienné Moller provided an update on mining production levels and new targets following an increase in zinc and lead prices.

Other discussion points raised during the meeting included improvements to the MRM Trainee program to help participants get into work faster and changes to the MRM Community Benefits Trust application process. The next CRG meeting is scheduled for July.

Birds shore up for long flight



Red Knot flock in flight



East Asia – Australasian Flyway, a broad corridor used by migrating birds.



Sooty Oystercatcher



Curlew Sandpiper in flight

Photos courtesy of Paul Barden at Ecological Management Services



Port McArthur wetlands

Tens of thousands of migratory shorebirds converged on Port McArthur in April on the way to their breeding grounds in the northern hemisphere.

Migratory bird specialists, Paul Barden and Dr Jon Coleman from Ecological Management Services surveyed the birds as part of MRM's environmental management program and found a significant increase in migratory shorebirds in the area.

"During the aerial survey more than 31,000 migratory shorebirds, resident shorebirds and other wetland birds were recorded and a further 19,230 were recorded during a ground count," Paul said.

"The 2003, 2008 and 2010 surveys have provided enough evidence to demonstrate in excess of 20,000 regular water birds to the area.

"This means the Port McArthur area complies with Criteria 5 of the Ramsar Convention, the intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources."

MRM Health, Safety and Environment Manager, Gary Taylor said the Port McArthur area is an internationally significant staging ground for birds and was not being impacted by MRM's operations.

"The Port McArthur Tidal Wetlands System IBA is an essential site during migration staging, when the birds feed and rest," Gary said.

"The survey was timed to coincide with, and monitor, this critical stage in the migration process.

"In line with previous surveys, the majority of shorebirds recorded were located west of the Bing Bong loading facility, where the extensive saline flats between Port McArthur and Fat Fellows Creek provide the birds with their preferred feeding and roosting habitat.

"It was interesting to note the sighting of a Red Knot shorebird which was flagged in Victoria. Few shorebird flag re-sightings have been reported from the Northern Territory gulf coast.

"Given the extensive and ongoing leg flagging of birds on the east and west coasts of Australia, it is interesting we have only seen east coast birds during our surveys," he said.

Gary said eight ground counts of shorebirds were undertaken between 17 and 19 April 2010 and aerial surveys were conducted during the same period at 18 designated areas.

MRM praised for its safety systems

Northern Territory Government Worksafe Officers conducted a compliance inspection at MRM in June 2010 to ensure MRM complies with industry occupational health and safety standards.

MRM Health, Safety and Environment Manager, Gary Taylor said MRM had performed well in the regular inspection.

"Feedback from Worksafe Officers was very positive, with only very few minor improvements noted," Gary said.

"The Officers congratulated MRM management and staff for our ongoing commitment to a safe workplace."

During the inspection, Worksafe Officers examined a selection of registered plant, reviewed a sample of MRM's site procedures, and checked the currency and adequacy of MRM's goods licence.

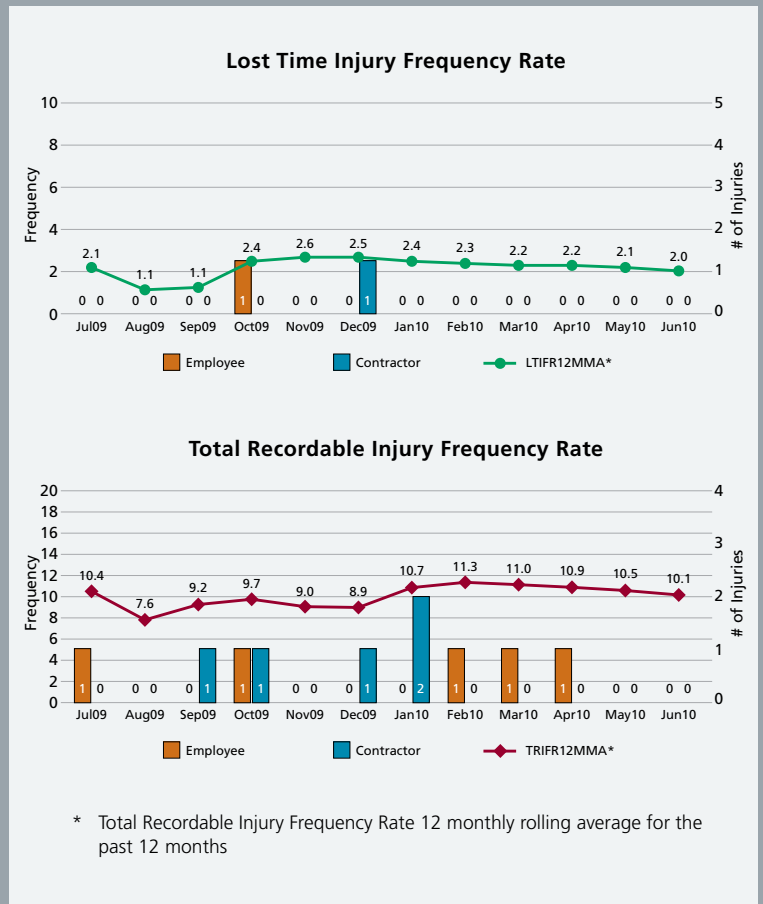
"Worksafe Officers also spent time with MRM health and safety representatives to discuss any safety questions the workforce may have," Gary said.

During the past 12 months, there have been only two lost time injuries (LTI's) on site and five recordable injuries, reflecting an overall improvement in safety performance.

"Given we have had no lost time injuries since December, our total 12 month rolling LTI frequency rate as at June 2010 has reduced to an average of 2.0 for the year," Gary said.

"At MRM we believe all work-related incidents, illnesses and injuries are preventable, and despite the downward trend in our safety performance we're continuing to work towards zero lost time injuries.

"We regularly track our safety performance with internal monitoring systems and external audits to ensure a safe workplace for all our employees."



MRM bolsters its ranks with 10 new trainees

MRM welcomed 10 new Indigenous trainees in June as part of the mine's entry-level MRM Traineeship Program.

The new employees, all from the Borroloola region, bring the total number of current trainees at MRM to 24.

Coinciding with this latest intake is the appointment of MRM's new Trainee Mentor, Aaron Taplin who succeeds Justin Peach.

MRM General Manager Ettienne Moller said that as a mentor, Aaron will play a key role in developing individual work and study plans for each trainee and providing the appropriate direction and support to help them achieve their desired job across eight potential career paths.

"This role is important to the success of the traineeship program and the career development of the trainees and we welcome Aaron to the position," he said.

The 10 new trainees have commenced work in a variety of roles within the mine's operations, including administration, open pit mining, mining infrastructure and metallurgy.

After completing their course, the trainees will receive a nationally accredited Certificate II Entry into Mining, which is an essential

stepping stone to jobs within the mining industry and further career development.

For more information, the Pathways to Employment and Traineeship Program brochures can be downloaded from www.mcarthurrivermine.com.au/publications.





Mill Report

The improvements in concentrate grade and zinc concentrate production achieved at MRM during the first quarter of 2010 continued throughout April and May, resulting in the largest shipment of zinc concentrate delivered to date.

MRM Metallurgy Manager Sam Strohmayer said 18,500wmt was shipped from the Bing Bong port facility in early June.

"This is a great result and shows that our programs to enhance productivity and efficiency are hitting the mark," he said.

"The new Innova Suggestion System has already produced a number of new ideas to improve the efficiency of the concentrator. We are currently collating and prioritising these ideas.

"One idea we've already implemented involves using recycled piping and valving to allow the faster charging of the M10000 Isamills. This change, initiated by Clint Savage, has significantly reduced the time required to bring the Isamills online and decreased the duration of reduced plant throughput."

In another initiative to improve efficiency, MRM is continuing to trial an increase in the concentration of ethyl xanthate in the xanthate mix, the collector reagent used in the flotation stages in the concentrator.

"Early results from the trial are encouraging, with improved zinc flotation through the increased rejection of pyrite (iron sulphide) and reduced copper sulphate consumption," Sam said.

"Copper sulphate is one of the major reagent costs in the concentrator process, so even minor reductions in usage can realise significant cost benefits."

Sam said the detailed design phase for a number of capital projects has also progressed throughout the year and will come to fruition during the second half of 2010. These include a new decant water system, low pressure compressor building and filter cloth washing pump, and the refurbishment of the Thickener 1 and Reagent Mixing Area.

"These capital projects will help improve the operational and maintenance efficiency of the concentrator and are the result of excellent levels of engagement and participation from all of our people in operations and maintenance," Sam said.

Cyclone heading from Borroloola to Singapore



Glenn Thompson (back, second from right) with members of the Borroloola Cyclones

The Borroloola Cyclones football team is going to Singapore in July to play their first ever international soccer game, with sponsorship support from MRM.

The team has been invited to play two games against some of Singapore's top Under 23 players.

Proud Borroloola Cyclones assistant head coach, Darren Fletcher, has been a key player in bringing the once-in-a-lifetime experience into fruition for the team.

“The coach Glenn Thompson has put his heart and soul into bringing football to the community of Borroloola, and this trip is about realising some of his work and giving real opportunities to the Indigenous football players of Borroloola,” Darren said.

“This isn't just the first time the team has played football overseas, it will be the first time they have left Australia and I'm sure it will be an experience they won't forget.

“Football is a tough game to get into, but Glenn and I strongly believe that if we can help even one Indigenous footballer into the professional football circuit, then we are opening up the doors for many other Indigenous players out there in Australia.”



Darren Fletcher (far left) with members of the Borroloola Cyclones

Leaving in mid-July, the team will play the Home United Under 23s and the Singapore Under 23s national team as part of the Singapore Shield, a charity event which is the curtain-raiser to the professional soccer season in Singapore.

The week-long trip is also an opportunity to promote the Australian Indigenous culture in Singapore. During their stay, the team will attend a cultural day with a number of Singaporean-international Australian schools to showcase the Australian Indigenous culture.

Borroloola has a proud history of soccer achievements. The first Indigenous Australian selected for a national soccer team was John Moriarty, a Yanyuwa man, in 1960.

MRM has been a long-term supporter of the Borroloola Cyclones, sponsoring the team with flights, new soccer jerseys for their debut at the Arafura Games in 2009 and other team requirements.

In December 2009, MRM supported the Borroloola Cyclones Captain, Alistair Evans to travel to Canberra, where his Man of the Match winning performance for the Indigenous Under 23 team triumphed over the Parliamentary Football XI.

MRM has donated \$5,000 towards the Singapore trip expenses, as well as flights between MRM and Darwin.

