



Heavy rain temporarily interrupts Gold Ridge Operations

Gold Ridge Operations in the Solomon Islands has experienced over 500 millimetres of rain since yesterday, 2 April 2014, due to a nearby, slow moving tropical low pressure system. This represents the average monthly rainfall being received within 36 hours. The Solomon Islands Meteorological Service issued a Heavy Rain Warning at 5:00 pm local time today, Thursday 3 April. Rain is continuing to fall and we anticipate it will continue for the next several days.

The open pit mines were closed at 3:00 am local time today, to ensure the safety of personnel and equipment. A section of the haul road has been temporarily damaged by flooding. The access road to the mine has been closed due to flooding. The processing plant continued to process existing stockpiles until 4:00 pm local time today.

An update of the anticipated impact on the operations will be advised in due course.



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