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Lihir Island Update

Please be advised that a dispute between local landowner groups at Lihir Island has led to a temporary interruption to production at that site. We are working with the peak landowner association and relevant authorities to resolve the dispute as quickly as possible. It is not expected to have a material impact on group production for the year.

The company's operations at Bonikro (Ivory Coast), Mt Rawdon (Queensland) and Ballarat (Victoria) are not affected.

Further details will be provided in due course.

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