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RAIN IMPACTS CURRAGH OPERATIONS

Curragh mine at Blackwater has been able to resume operations after approximately 200mm of rain cut off the main access road to the mine and created localised flooding on Friday 2 December.

Since Saturday, employees and contractors have undertaken some train loadout operations, recommenced construction of Curragh's new coal handling and preparation plant, and established dewatering operations for clean rainwater.

Mining operations have recommenced at Curragh however, mining operations at Curragh North are yet to recommence due to flooding of the access road with water levels up to 4.6m in three different locations.

Although Curragh has experienced no direct rain since Friday, management are keeping a close eye on a forecasted flood surge scheduled to reach the mine in the early hours of Tuesday 7 December.

As a precautionary measure, Curragh management relocated Dragline 304 to higher ground over the weekend with Dragline 301 scheduled to be in a similar position by 3.00pm today (*see photos attached*).

Curragh Executive General Manager Rod Bridges, is confident that the Curragh North levee system and other preventative measures will protect Curragh and the Curragh North operations from the predicted flood surge and further rain.

"I want to acknowledge and thank the employees and contractors who went beyond the call of duty over the weekend to prepare the site for whatever weather we experience over the next couple of days," Mr Bridges said.

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