



KCGM Media Release

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Rock Fall at KCGM

At approximately 4.40am today [ED Note: 05/06/2011], KCGM encountered a rock fall in the northern Trafalgar Section of the Fimiston Open Pit following a period of continued rainfall.

Initial assessment indicates the fall comprised of approximately 50,000 tonnes of rock, with most material spilling across a previously blasted shot. There were no personnel or equipment in the area at the time of the event.

“Access to the area will remain closed while it undergoes a geotechnical review in accordance with our procedures,” said Russell Cole, KCGM General Manager.

“During periods of continued rainfall, it is realistic to expect some rock fall activity in the mining environment and we are confident we had the appropriate controls in place to deal with the weather,” he said.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum has been notified. Production from the Golden Pike cutback and other areas of the Fimiston Pit remain unaffected by the fall.

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