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KCGM 'guilty' for breaches relating to 2006 site accident

Today [ED Note 1/12/2009] KCGM received a verdict of 'guilty' for breaching Sections 9(1), 9A(2) and 15A of the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994. The breaches related to the site fatality of Ausdrill employee, Mathew Harris.

"The entire KCGM site was devastated by the tragic loss of Mathew Harris", said KCGM General Manager, Russell Cole.

"We are committed to safety on site and will be considering the decision in detail before deciding what further steps, if any, may need to be taken."

On 9 May 2008 KCGM received a notice of an alleged breach of Sections 9(1), 9A(2) and 15A of the Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 relating to the site fatality of Ausdrill employee, Mathew Harris.

The accident occurred on 14 February 2006 on site when a utility vehicle collided with a parked truck carrying drill rods. The contractor, who sustained serious head injuries and was airlifted to Perth, passed away on 16 February 2006.

The hearing commenced on the 26th October and concluded with the announcement of the verdict today.

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