

Statement Regarding North Goonyella Developments

Sept. 27 – Peabody has updated its report on conditions at its North Goonyella Mine in Queensland following elevated gas levels that were previously reported. Mine personnel have observed smoke coming from the mine, indicating a likely fire in a portion of the mine.

Safety is Peabody's first priority, personnel have been evacuated from the area, and access to the mine has been restricted through an exclusion zone that has been put into place for the safety and security of those in the area. The company continues to work with the Queensland Mines Inspectorate and third-party personnel to mobilize resources and manage next steps to address the situation.

Background

On September 1 during a scheduled longwall move, an area of the North Goonyella Mine in a remote area of the Bowen Basin in Australia began registering elevated gas levels. The environmental regulator and area landholders have also been updated on developments.

Peabody appreciates the ongoing work of the team at North Goonyella, the Inspectorate, independent technical experts, union representatives and other people engaged in the process.

The company intends to provide periodic updates to stakeholders as well as on PeabodyEnergy.com.

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