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GEMCO'S BARARRUMANJA WHARF OFFICIALLY OPENED

Groote Eylandt Mining Company Pty Ltd (GEMCO) today marked the official opening of 'Bararrumanja', the newly reconstructed wharf at Groote Eylandt, which was severely damaged during Tropical Cyclone Megan in March 2024.

The new wharf is named 'Bararrumanja', meaning 'from Bara and Jaragba country', following consultation with the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) and Traditional Owners.

The event was attended by Vanessa Torres, South32 Chief Operating Officer, Robyn Ryan, GEMCO Vice President Operations, Gerard Maley, Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister, Josh Burgoyne, Northern Territory Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment, Khoda Patel, Assistant Minister for Mining and Energy, representatives from the ALC and Traditional Owners.

Tropical Cyclone Megan was an intense weather system that produced record rainfall and some of the strongest wind gusts recorded in 20 years. It caused substantial impacts to Groote Eylandt, damaging roads and infrastructure and interrupting supply of key services.

At GEMCO, it flooded mining pits and caused extensive damage to infrastructure, resulting in the temporary suspension of operations.

Major works were undertaken to reconstruct the wharf and resume export sales in May, just over a year after Tropical Cyclone Megan struck. GEMCO estimates more than 317,000 hours was invested in the wharf recovery and rebuild, with more than 970 tonnes of steel and 740 tonnes of concrete removed from the seabed.

GEMCO expects shipping rates to return to full capacity during the first quarter of FY26.

Vanessa Torres said: "I'm incredibly proud of the GEMCO team's work to rebuild damaged infrastructure and resume export shipments in just over 12 months after Tropical Cyclone Megan.

"To see the project completed safely and on schedule is a tribute to the dedication and determination of everyone involved.

"GEMCO is an important asset for South32 as well as the Northern Territory. The successful completion of the recovery plan supports GEMCO's ongoing contribution to local jobs, the NT economy, and the community on Groote Eylandt."

Robyn Ryan said: "The GEMCO team's grit, spirit and unwavering commitment has been nothing short of extraordinary. They haven't just rebuilt the wharf; they have reignited optimism across our operation and the broader Groote Eylandt community.

"The impact of Tropical Cyclone Megan created many challenges on Groote Eylandt. I'm proud of the way our people worked with the community, local authorities and the NT Government during the initial response to restore essential services and support their recovery efforts."

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leave a positive legacy and build meaningful relationships with our partners and communities to create brighter futures together.

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