

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **SOUTH32 PLEDGES ADDITIONAL AU\$500,000 FOR BUSHFIRE ASSISTANCE**

As the disastrous bushfire crisis continues to unfold in Australia, South32 has pledged AU\$500,000 to the Australian Red Cross in support of disaster relief. It brings our total donations to organisations dealing with the crisis to AU\$1 million since November 2019.

“It is heart-breaking to see the continual tragic loss of life and property as a result of these devastating fires across Australia,” South32 CEO Graham Kerr said. “Our thoughts are with all who have been impacted and our gratitude goes to the emergency service workers and disaster recovery organisations whose tireless efforts of courage and dedication to protect and restore their communities is extraordinary.”

South32 has also made in-kind donations of face masks for smoke protection and across Australia many of our staff have been involved in raising funds and volunteering to support the effort. South32 will continue to match employee contributions to a number of supporting organisations including Australia’s largest wildlife rescue organisation, WIRES (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service Inc.), Buy A Bale, which supports Australian farmers, and the Australian Red Cross.

NOTE: South32 donated AU\$500,000 to the NSW Rural Fire Service and the Rural Fire Brigades Association Queensland Inc in November to support front-line fire-fighting.

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### **About South32**

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. We produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at our operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. We are also the owner of a high grade zinc, lead and silver development option in North America and have several partnerships with junior explorers with a focus on base metals. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people’s lives now and for generations to come, and to be trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources.

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