

**Media statement**  
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## **Incident at Cloudbreak Minesite**

Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) advises that a contract worker with Ausdrill Mining Services (AMS) was fatally injured at the AMS on-site workshop at the Cloudbreak minesite this morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 10.15am WST during a routine maintenance procedure at the AMS workshop.

AMS and Fortescue are currently notifying the worker's family of this tragic accident.

Counselling will be made available to the family and to AMS and Fortescue employees.

Fortescue Operations Director Paul Hallam said the accident is deeply distressing for the family of the employee, his colleagues at AMS and Fortescue.

"Our immediate priority is to support the family, our employees and contractors," Mr Hallam said.

AMS has suspended operations at the site of the incident while AMS, Fortescue and regulatory authorities, including the Mines Department, conduct their investigations into the incident.

Fortescue management has also suspended its mining and processing operations at Cloudbreak to ensure the ongoing safety of its employees and as a mark of respect.

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