



## Media Release

### CONTRACTOR INJURED UNDERGROUND

#### 11 April 2011, Cloncurry

Ernest Henry Mining advises that at approximately 4:30am yesterday morning a Barmenco contract employee, working underground, sustained serious injuries when a rock struck causing significant lacerations and a crush injury to the contract employee's right hand.

Emergency response procedures were immediately activated and the contract employee was flown to Townsville for surgical intervention and treatment at the Townsville Base Hospital.

The contract employee remains in a stable condition at Townsville Base Hospital.

Ernest Henry Mining immediately notified the relevant regulatory authorities and we are continuing to work in conjunction with Barmenco to investigate this incident as a matter of priority.

We are also continuing to provide counselling support to our workforce at Ernest Henry Mining.

Our thoughts are with the Barmenco contract employee who has been joined by parents and friends in Townsville.

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