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Port of Gladstone operations recommence

Shipping operations recommenced on Tuesday 10 March within the Port of Gladstone (including Port Alma) following severe weather conditions and the associated threat to the port from Cyclone Hamish.

The situation continues to be closely monitored and re-evaluated to ensure ongoing safety within the port and to Gladstone Ports Corporation's (GPC's) operations.

GPC's RG Tanna and Barney Point Coal Terminals, along with Auckland Point and Port Alma facilities, resumed rail receipt operations yesterday with ship loading operations progressively returning to full scale today.

GPC CEO Leo Zussino said any impact on coal exports should be fully recovered over the next two weeks.

"Whilst the disruption has set us back a little, our attention and focus has been centered on the well being and safety of our people and facilities," Mr Zussino said.

"Our preparedness was tested and all credit should be given to those who were involved in planning our response to the potential crisis," he said.

GPC will be working very closely with port stakeholders, mining companies and Queensland Rail to maximize tonnages being railed into and shipped out of the port during the remainder of the month.

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