

Century Mine

FACT SHEET



MMG's Century Mine has, until the end of open pit production in mid-2015, been Australia's largest zinc mine. Processing and shipping operations conclude at the end of 2015.

Century began production with its first shipment of concentrate in 1999. The mine produces zinc and lead concentrates using conventional open-pit mining, grinding and flotation methods at its Lawn Hill site.

Processed concentrates are transferred along a 304 kilometre underground slurry pipeline to Century's dewatering and port facility at Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria.

At the Karumba port facility, concentrates are dewatered (dried) before being transported on the MV Wunma to export ships anchored approximately 45km offshore. Century's concentrates are sold to smelters in Australia, Asia and Europe.

HOW MUCH WILL CENTURY PRODUCE IN 2015?

2015 production guidance for the final year of Century open-pit production is 320,000-370,000 tonnes of zinc in zinc concentrate and 75,000-85,000 tonnes of lead in lead concentrate.

SNAPSHOT	
What we produced in 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 465,696 tonnes of zinc in zinc concentrate. • 64,426 tonnes of lead in lead concentrate.
Our Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250km northwest of Mount Isa. • Dewatering and shipping facility located at Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria.
Mining & processing method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open pit mining. • Conventional grinding and flotation.
Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When Century has been in full production, its workforce averaged 900 MMG employees and contractors. At times, up to 24 percent of Century's workforce has identified as belonging to local Native Title groups. • The number of people employed at Century will progressively decline as mining and processing end. A maximum of 160 people will be employed at Century by the end of 2015.
Community investment and benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unmatched training and development opportunities for local people over life of mine. • Establishment of Lawn Hill Riversleigh Pastoral Holding Company (LHRPHC) as well as A\$14.8 million to Aboriginal Development Benefits Trust (ADBT) to support establishment and growth of local Indigenous businesses. • A\$13.3 million in annual compensation payments to Native Title Eligible Bodies.

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CONTINUING COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Century has provided unmatched training, employment and business opportunities for people from Native Title Groups and other residents of the Lower Gulf.

Since acquiring Century in 2009, MMG has continued to invest in opportunities for local people and businesses so that they can benefit from the Century's operations. Investments over the life of mine have created a skilled, experienced workforce along with local businesses that have the potential to be a platform for future growth in the Gulf.

To maximise this potential in the remaining years of mine life, MMG created a unique 'host employer' program for its apprentices and trainees. All apprentices and trainees employed since 2013 are hosted by a wide range of employers in home communities or in other places where they are happy to work. Even though the trainees and apprentices are working with host employers, Century pays their wages and provides mentoring for the period of the traineeship or apprenticeship.

The program keeps talent in local communities and provides wider career choices for young people. It also reduces dependence on the mine as a source of jobs.

In 2015, Century has also expanded its successful *Books in Homes* program to more schools in the Lower Gulf.

GULF COMMUNITIES AGREEMENT (GCA)

Completing its obligations under the 1997 Gulf Communities Agreement (GCA) is a priority for MMG. Parties to the GCA are Century Mine, four Native Title Groups in the Lower Gulf, and the Queensland Government. The GCA requires each party to deliver certain obligations and benefits relating to Century's operations.

FUTURE OPTIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MMG continues to explore the viability of future uses for its vast infrastructure at Lawn Hill and Karumba.

Possible options include retreatment of the tailings material from the Century processing plant to produce zinc metal.

Century's infrastructure at Lawn Hill and Karumba, including the 304km pipeline, will be maintained in a state of operational readiness while MMG considers options.

WHAT DOES MINE CLOSURE MEAN

While mining, production and shipping operations will be completed during 2015, activity at MMG's Lawn Hill and Karumba will continue for many years.

Rehabilitation is underway, with the aim of returning areas disturbed by mining at Lawn Hill to their pre-mining state (i.e. suitable for light cattle grazing).

Following the completion of bulk earthworks around the Century pit, the lease will enter a 'passive closure' phase lasting approximately 30 years. During this period, the focus will be on *Caring for Country* activities. Where possible, these activities will be carried out using the skills of local indigenous people.



MMG Century's dewatering and shipping facility at Karumba has brought economic & social benefits to the Carpentaria Shire.

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