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Mount Isa Mines' \$100,000 funding boost to support Lead Alliance health initiatives

Mount Isa Mines will inject an additional \$100,000 into the Lead Alliance to help the organisation expand their reach and increase access to health programs in the Mount Isa community.

The announcement comes following the release of the *Lead Pathways Study: Air Report*, completed by the University of Queensland (UQ). The Report makes important recommendations for both Mount Isa Mines and the community to help reduce exposure to lead present in the environment from natural and industrial sources.

Chief Operating Officer for Glencore's Australian Zinc Assets Greg Ashe said the decision to provide additional funding to the Alliance came on the back of the Air Report's findings.

"The Air Report's recommendations support the long established work of the Lead Alliance to educate the community on managing the risk associated with living in a mineralised area, like maintaining good hygiene, a clean home and a nutritious diet," Mr Ashe said.

"We see this as an excellent opportunity to augment the work of the Lead Alliance by boosting their operating budget, making it possible for the group to engage more broadly in the community and expand the scope of their valuable programs."

In addition to the \$100,000 funding boost, the company will also contribute \$50,000 to develop the Lead Alliance smartphone application.

The Lead Alliance app will provide Mount Isa residents with important health management information, and allow them to track their family's blood lead level test results.

Mr Ashe said the company will continue to engage with community health stakeholders to encourage more people to access the free blood lead level testing program funded by Mount Isa Mines and available through QML, particularly families with young children, in line with the Air Report's recommendations.

"The blood lead level testing program now includes a new, less invasive finger prick blood lead level test available to all Mount Isa children under five years at health clinics in the community," Mr Ashe said.

In 2006, Mount Isa Mines commissioned UQ to conduct a series of studies to better understand the impacts of industrial and naturally occurring lead in the environment.

The Air Report builds on the findings of the earlier Land Report, released in 2009, and Water Report, released in 2012. It concluded that the potential exposure risk of children from inhalation was limited and mostly from ingestion via hand to mouth activity.

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