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Vale stops temporarily underground mining operations in Sudbury

Vale informs that its underground nickel mines in the Sudbury Basin in Canada have temporarily stopped operation.

Given an accident which caused a fatality last Sunday, January 29, the stoppage was made in order to conduct a general review of safety conditions in the mines. As we have a strong focus on health and safety, the review is being made in order to minimize accident risks.

There is no impact on finished nickel production as the Clarabelle mill and the Copper Cliff smelter and the Copper Cliff nickel refinery continue to operate normally with sufficient feed stock for the near term.

As soon as the Sudbury underground mining operations return to normalcy Vale will make it public.

More information



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