



ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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## DISRUPTION OF GAS SUPPLY

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Apex Minerals NL (**ASX:AXM**) has been advised that supply of gas to its Wiluna mine will be disrupted as a result of damage caused by Cyclone Carlos to the Apache operated facilities at Varanus Island. Gas supplies were curtailed late in the afternoon on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Gas supplies were terminated late Wednesday afternoon, and from the information that we have at this time, disruptions are likely to continue through to next week. At present, Apex is utilising its diesel generators to ensure Biox feed and other essential services are maintained. Minimal mining/processing will occur until gas supply is fully restored. Apex is assessing the impact, if any, to its production forecast for the current quarter.

In a separate unrelated incident, a seismic event occurred at Apex's Wiluna mine yesterday morning, 24th February. An initial inspection of the mine and surface infrastructure was carried out and this found only minor damage to the decline. It appears that the event occurred in or near the 800 level in old completed stoping areas. There were neither any injuries nor any equipment damage.

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