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## UPDATE - BUSH FIRE INCIDENT AT FORRESTANIA

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Western Areas Ltd (“Western Areas” or the “Company”) provides the following final update regarding the bush fire incident that recently occurred in the area of the Forrestania Nickel Operation (FNO) (refer ASX Announcement 5 December 2019).

The Company can confirm all personnel remain safe and fully accounted for, with most staff having returned to normal working duties over the weekend. Communications in and out of FNO have also been returned to normal following repair over the weekend.

Mains power was interrupted on Saturday, 7 December 2019, as a result of damage to three Western Power poles north of FNO, and was restored by Sunday evening. Mining operations continued on-site using back-up power generation. The Cosmic Boy mill operations were suspended until the power transmission was restored, however the Company does not expect any impact to nickel production or cost guidance for FY20 as a result of the incident.

The Company would again like to extend its thanks to the FNO Emergency Response Team and the various firefighting teams that have assisted in keeping our people and the Forrestania operation safe.

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