

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **FATALITY AT BMA**

BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) confirms that an accident this morning at its Blackwater Mine involving a raptor transporter vehicle has sadly resulted in a fatality.

Authorities are currently on site investigating the incident and we are providing our full support.

We are providing assistance to the family of the deceased, in addition to BMA employees and contractors at the operation. Our colleague was a father of two and a grandfather to two.

As a precaution, operations on site have temporarily ceased. We are also conducting our own investigations to understand how this incident could have occurred and to ensure every action is taken to prevent something similar in the future.

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