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HOW A WEE CUBE IS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

A UNIQUE WATER SAVING INITIATIVE WHICH HAS ACHIEVED A FOUR PER CENT REDUCTION IN WATER USAGE ACROSS MT WHALEBACK OPERATIONS HAS ALREADY PROVEN SO SUCCESSFUL THAT IT MAY EVENTUALLY BE ROLLED OUT ACROSS THE WHOLE OF BHP BILLITON WORLDWIDE.

Since the beginning of April, urinals across the site have been converted to waterless facilities through the use of Desert Waterless Urinal Cubes.

The cubes dramatically reduce water consumption and in doing so help address BHP Billiton Iron Ore's eco-efficiency targets concerning water management.

Mt Whaleback Environmental Advisor, Brooke Monson, says the cubes work by using natural microbial technology to control odours and build-up of uric scale.

"We gained a great deal of both positive and negative feedback during the trial which was extremely useful as we were able to work with the manufacturers, together with the cleaning and plumbing companies, to overcome most issues," Brooke said.

"Mt Whaleback was using the equivalent of just over 15 Olympic swimming pools of water each year in urinals alone.

"When you consider that we have been able to reduce our consumption by a massive 12 Olympic swimming pools as a result of the cubes, well that really puts things into perspective."

Brooke explains that the initiative has additional benefits, including chemical free maintenance.

"The cubes also reduce maintenance on pipe work as they are 100 per cent biodegradable and they also offer greater levels of hygiene through the elimination of odours and mists commonly associated with urinals.

"It's proving to be a fantastic initiative with real 'win win' results."

For further information on the urinal cubes, Brooke Monson can be contacted on +61 8 9175 3186 or at brooke.monson@bhpbilliton.com



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Please submit your Oresome or Weekly Notes articles or suggestions to any of the Internal Communications team, or email oresome@bhpbilliton.com



WE'VE MOVED!

The following departments have moved from Level 17 of the Iron Ore Head Office at 225 St Georges Terrace, to Level 13. All other contact details remain the same:

- Human Resources
- Internal Communications
- Business Development
- Marketing
- Workers Compensation