

## Media Statement

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### **CMT Accepts Court Penalty for Shaft Incident**

Copper Mines of Tasmania says it accepts the \$225,000 penalty handed down by the Burnie Magistrates Court today for the incident that caused the death of Craig Gleeson and Alistair Lucas in December 2013 and hopes that in some way it will help their families come to terms with the tragedy.

In August this year the company pleaded guilty to workplace safety charges in relation to the deaths of Mr Gleeson and Mr Lucas who had been working on a temporary wooden platform near the bottom of the mine's main shaft when a linkage assembly fell onto the platform causing it to break away.

CMT's General Manager, Care and Maintenance, Peter Walker, said the company well understood that no Court-imposed penalty or apology from the company could adequately assuage families for the loss of their loved ones.

"Nevertheless, on behalf of CMT I again want to offer our sincere apologies to the families of Craig and Alistair. This is an extremely sad incident and our thoughts go out to them. CMT will continue to offer the families every support that we can," Mr Walker said.

Mr Walker said that since two fatal incidents at Mt Lyell in December 2013 and January 2014 the company had undertaken a review of all its systems in consultation with expert engineers and safety specialists from around the globe, regulators, and its workforce to ensure that industry best practices in safety systems were employed during the mine's current care & maintenance and in the event that it re-opens.

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