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Incident at Cloudbreak mine site

Ausdrill Limited advises that a contract worker with Ausdrill Mining Services (AMS) was fatally injured at the AMS on-site workshop at Fortescue Metals Group's Cloudbreak mine site this morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 10:15am WST during a routine maintenance procedure at the AMS workshop.

AMS and Fortescue are currently notifying the worker's family of this tragic accident.

A spokesperson for Ausdrill stated that the accident is deeply distressing for all those involved, and their colleagues and families. Ausdrill will make counseling available to the family and to AMS employees and contractors.

AMS has suspended operations at the site of the incident while AMS, Fortescue and regulatory authorities, including the Mines Department, conduct their investigations into the incident.

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