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## Fire At RIO Ltd, Orsett – Update

Having received further guidance from the Fire Service, RIO Ltd has started a first stage of the clean-up process at the Stanford Road site.

A tracked 360 arm and bucket machine has been allowed back into the quarry and it is pulling down some of the smaller heaps of ash on the fringes of the main fire site. Once these ash-heaps have been levelled, the remaining heat and embers are being damped-down and extinguished. Once completely cool, the ash will be removed from the site.

Two large cones of ash are still in flames and are producing smoke, but are reducing in size with each day that passes. The return to more normal weather with calmer wind, is helping to accelerate the burn-out process, but there is still no definitive timeframe for the fire to be completely extinguished.

Commenting on then progress, Jonathon Howard, Communications Manager at RIO said, “This is a pretty tentative first step and we are being extremely careful to make sure that we can start the clean-up process whilst maintaining absolute safety for our workforce.

“The fire is still burning and we continue to work with all of the relevant parties to make sure that it burns out successfully. However, it’s a relief that we are now able to be proactive, rather than being in the frustrating situation of having to sit on our hands and wait. Hopefully, over the next few days, we can rebuild the access tracks which were destroyed by the fire and get more of our equipment into the quarry to support the clean-up operation”.

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## About RIO

Recycled in Orsett Ltd (RIO) owns and operates a recycling facility in excess of 30 acres, based at Orsett in Essex. It forms one of the largest recycling sites in the south of England offering a wide range of recycled materials.

RIO specialises in the production of quality construction aggregates, fill materials, sands and soils, all produced from selected and quality controlled inbound sources of a wide range of materials including brick, concrete, ceramics, aggregate of all types, asphalt, sands, ballasts, soil, wood and green waste. The company offers closed loop production facilities which have allowed clients to gain considerable competitive advantage and achieve challenging recycling KPI targets. The inbound products are graded and blended using the latest technology and methods developed with assistance from DEFRA, WRAP and ReMaDe. All of the company's products are produced to its WRAP protocol.

RIO has also invested heavily in the latest technology and plant to offer a service to reprocess waste Class A, B and C wood products into biomass fuel for a variety of environmentally sensitive organisations, including Dalkia's 18MWe renewable electricity plant in Chilton, County Duham.

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