

Agrium Announces Outage at Vanscoy Potash Mine

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CALGARY, ALBERTA--(Marketwired - Jul 31, 2014) - [Agrium Inc.](#) (TSX:AGU) (NYSE:AGU) confirmed today that its Vanscoy, Saskatchewan, potash mine experienced a mechanical failure on its main hoist system. As a result, production has been shut down at this facility.

Due to the outage, Agrium will bring forward the planned turnaround to tie-in the current capacity expansion project. Production at the facility will therefore remain shut down until the tie-in is complete.

There were no injuries and we do not expect any significant impact on the workforce.

Further information regarding the outage will be provided on our second quarter conference call on August 7, 2014, at 9:30AM eastern time.

About Agrium

[Agrium Inc.](#) is a major Retail supplier of agricultural products and services in North America, South America and Australia and a leading global Wholesale producer and marketer of all three major agricultural nutrients and the premier supplier of specialty fertilizers in North America. Agrium's strategy is to provide the crop inputs and services needed to feed a growing world. We focus on maximizing shareholder returns by driving continuous improvements to our base businesses, pursuing value-added growth opportunities across the crop input value chain and returning capital to shareholders.

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including civil unrest, actions by armed groups or conflict, as well as counterparty and sovereign risk; duration and financial impact of current outage at the Vanscoy potash facility related to the mechanical failure of the main production hoisting system, timing and capital outlay of Vanscoy potash expansion project, and other risk factors detailed from time to time in Agrium reports filed with the Canadian securities regulators and the Securities and Exchange Commission in the United States and other risk factors detailed from time to time in Agrium reports filed with the Canadian securities regulators and the Securities and Exchange Commission in the United States.

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