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## **DISRUPTION TO STEELMAKING AT WHYALLA**

In the early hours of this morning, the Whyalla blast furnace experienced similar operating difficulties to those that occurred in October. This will affect iron and steel making for approximately 10 days with a potential loss in the order of 35,000 tonnes of steel production.

OneSteel is currently assessing the impact of the shortfall in steelmaking on rolled long product delivery schedules and will contact customers to discuss how the impacts may be managed and minimised.

The financial impact will be in the order of \$10 million at the EBITDA level.

OneSteel produces a total of 1.7 million tonnes of steel per annum.

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