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### **Customer Information Bulletin**

All operations at the Esperance Port were shut down this morning because of smoke in the Black Swan nickel concentrate storage shed.

Two fire brigade units are on site, a tanker that was discharging fuel has been sent to sea, and the site has been evacuated.

Seamen aboard a cape size vessel loading iron ore at berth three have been evacuated and a skeleton staff has been left aboard.

Loading of grain aboard the other ship alongside a berth at the Port has been halted.

About 2000 tonnes of nickel concentrate are stored in the shed.

Black smoke was detected in the shed about 5.45am this morning and the Port's emergency response plan was initiated.

The fire brigade are attending the scene and the situation is under control.

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