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Australian junior miner Mount Gibson Iron said Monday four iron ore shipments scheduled for the October-December quarter will be pushed back into the new year due to a mining interruption at its Koolan **Island** operation.

The Perth-based **company** said a small section of the seawall at the main pit at Koolan **Island**, which is located in the Kimberley region in far north Western Australia, had been weakened by a "slump." The **company** estimated it will take around four weeks to repair the seawall affected by the slump and restart of iron ore mining at the **site**.

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Production at the Acacia East pit on Koolan **Island** sped up, but this material is generally blended with ore from the main pit rather than **sold** as a standalone product. "The plan is that those four shipments will be pushed into the remainder of the financial year (ending June 30, 2015)," a Mount Gibson spokesman said, adding that the miner had maintained its full year sales target of 6.6-7.0 million mt for the full year 2015.

Around 80% of the shipments from Koolan **Island** go to private **Chinese** mill Jiangsu Shagang **Group**, with the balance **sold** to trading house APAC Resources.

Koolan **Island** produces direct shipping lump and fines grading 62-63% Fe and can produce at an annualized run rate of 4 million mt/year when the weather allows. As the operation is located on a small **island** there is not much space to build up stockpiles.

The miner's sales in July-September fell 24% on the previous year to 1.9 million mt, and were down 26% from the previous quarter, it said earlier this month. The lower result was attributed to the closure of its Talling Peak mine, north east of Geraldton, in September, following the depletion of ore reserves after a decade of continuous operation, the **company** said.

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