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HD **Mount Gibson's Jan-Mar iron ore sales fall 22% on 2013**

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Mount Gibson **iron's ore** shipments fell 22% on year in January-March and 19% from the previous quarter, to 2.02 **million** wet mt, because of wet weather in Western Australia, the Perth-based **company** said Thursday.

But the miner said it expected to sell 9.5 **million** wmt for the 12 months to June 30, which was within its guidance range of 9 **million**-9.5 **million** wmt for fiscal 2013-14. Mount Gibson's shipments for the nine months to March 31 were 7.1 **million** wmt, up 11% year on year from 6.4 **million** wmt.

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The miner said in a December quarter report **operations** at its Koolan Island mine, which is off the Kimberley coast north of the Pilbara region, had been impacted by a tropical cyclone in late December. Heavy rains prevented access to the main pit for three weeks and generally disrupted production until mid-March, Mount Gibson said.

Its standard **iron ore** product grades around 62% Fe, but it also sells a small amount of waste **ore** grading 52-53% Fe from Koolan Island to **China's** Rizhao **Iron** & Steel and also from its Tallering Peak mine in the state's midwest region.

The **company** reported an average price of US\$95/dry mt CFR for sales of its standard fines for the March quarter, compared with the Platts 62% Fe average of \$120/dmt CFR over the period. For its lower-grade product, it received an average of \$62/dmt CFR in January-March.

Mount Gibson said its contract pricing was a mix of lagged month and current month shipments. It also sells some **ore** to Gindalbie Metals in a mine gate **sale** arrangement, which is priced on a free-on-train basis. The two miners both export from Geraldton port. Major shareholder APAC Resources sells **ore** from Mount Gibson to **Chinese** customers.

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