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Update regarding carbon dioxide supply

BOC is expecting a shortage of carbon dioxide across the East Coast of Australia due to temporary issues in our supply chain which were beyond our reasonable control.

Interruptions to supply are anticipated from 15 January 2024 until April 2024, due to a combination of port congestion, which is delaying product imports, and planned and unplanned maintenance at carbon dioxide plants on the East Coast.

We are working collaboratively with suppliers, customers, and other industry stakeholders to manage this temporary carbon dioxide supply situation.

Where possible, we are increasing carbon dioxide output from other production facilities in Australia to help support the demand on the East Coast of Australia.

BOC is also committed to increasing long-term carbon dioxide reliability and supply for our customers. Over the past year, BOC has invested significantly in ISO container imports and enhancements to our local production capacity to provide a more reliable carbon dioxide supply to our customers. This includes a new \$46 million production facility in Longford, Victoria which will have the capacity to produce 60,000 tonnes per annum of beverage-grade liquid carbon dioxide. This plant is expected to be operational later in 2024.

We will keep NHIA updated as the situation evolves.