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Asarco's Hayden Smelter Temporarily Shut Down for Repairs

TUCSON, AZ – Asarco LLC announced today that the Hayden Smelter is temporarily shut down for repairs to the Inco Flash Furnace. The furnace failure occurred on October 2 in the north end wall due to leaks in the water jackets. A technical assessment is in progress and it is expected that repairs will take between two and four weeks.

There were no injuries and the damage was confined only to the flash furnace.

The plant has been producing about 9,000 tons of anode copper per month.

Asarco is a Tucson-based integrated copper mining, smelting and refining company.

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