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The Companies Officer
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Dear Sir,

New Chairman for Fortescue Metals Group

Mr Andrew Forrest the founding Chairman and Chief Executive of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd ("Fortescue") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Gordon Toll as Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors.

Mr Forrest said "The separation of the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive reflects the growth and maturity of Fortescue as it moves into the next phase in the development of the Company's Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project".

Mr Toll has extensive global experience in the iron ore industry including senior positions with BHP Iron Ore (now BHP Billiton Ltd), Texasgulf and Rio Tinto Plc ("Rio Tinto").

He was appointed a Director of Fortescue in January this year.

During his six years with BHP Iron Ore, Mr Toll was Chief Production Engineer at Mount Whaleback and played a major role in the early development of Orebody 29, which is the first commercial development and export of Marra Mamba ore in Western Australia.

At Texasgulf, Mr Toll was intimately involved in defining and developing the Marandoo (Marra Mamba Formation) iron ore project, which is now a major operating mine within the Hamersley Iron Group.

Mr Toll was Group Mining Executive at Rio Tinto and had senior executive involvement in all its international mining businesses including Hamersley Iron and in Rio Tinto's iron ore operations in Brazil.

He has an extensive iron ore marketing experience and contacts in Japan, Korea, China and Europe.

Mr Forrest said “I am personally very grateful to Mr Toll for his contribution to the Board and am delighted that his valuable knowledge, experience and energy will now be available to the Company through his enhanced position as Chairman”.

Yours sincerely,

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Rod Campbell

Company Secretary