



4 March 2011

The Companies Officer  
ASX Limited  
2 The Esplanade,  
Perth, WA, 6000

Dear Sir

### **WEATHER IMPACT ON FORTESCUE OPERATIONS**

Fortescue Metals Group Limited (Fortescue) advises that continued and heavy rainfall across the Pilbara is impacting the company's mining operations.

The sustained wet weather events have caused significant flooding across the Pilbara resulting in extended access road closures and air access restrictions to Fortescue's mining operations, disrupting production.

Fortescue now estimates March Quarter 2011 iron ore production in the range of 8.5 – 9.0 million tonnes (down 0.5mt on previous guidance), assuming a return to normal weather conditions.

Fortescue is working to maximise production throughout the remainder of the quarter.

Yours sincerely

**Fortescue Metals Group Ltd**

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