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The Companies Officer
Australian Securities Exchange Ltd.
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Dear Sir

Competent Persons Statement for December 2008 Quarterly Report

As referenced in Fortescue Metals Group Ltd ("Fortescue") recent December 2008 quarterly report, there was information provided pursuant to an earlier ASX release covering certain exploration results. The following is the Competent Persons statement that attached to the specific release dated 20 November 2008 and applies to the information that was repeated in the quarterly report.

The information in the report to which this statement is attached that relates to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr Stuart Robinson who is a Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and Mr Clayton Simpson who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. .

Both Mr Simpson and Mr Robinson are full time employees of Fortescue Metals Group Ltd and provided geological interpretations for Mineral Resource estimations and compiled the exploration results. Mr Robinson and Mr Simpson have sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Both Mr Simpson and Mr Robinson consent to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

Yours sincerely
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Rod Campbell
Company Secretary

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