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The Companies Officer
Australian Securities Exchange Ltd.
Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
Perth WA 6000

Dear Sir

Media Commentary

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (“Fortescue”) responds to media commentary today about potential corporate funding transactions.

As previously advised to the ASX, Fortescue holds discussions with a range of parties in regards to matters including finance opportunities. As articulated in Fortescue’s recently released 2009 Financial Report, the company has a clear expansion objective of moving to a production rate of 95 million tonnes per annum (“mta”) within a medium term horizon of 2012. This was highlighted in the note to the valuation of the Leucadia Subordinated Loan whereby Fortescue indicated its production profile over the Loan term included a step up to 95mta by early 2012. As part of its planning program to achieve this profile, Fortescue is reviewing its finance options.

Notwithstanding, Fortescue confirms that such discussions on finance are confidential and incomplete in nature.

Yours sincerely

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Rod Campbell

Company Secretary