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Dear Sir,

APPOINTMENT OF DR JEAN BADERSCHNEIDER TO FORTESCUE BOARD

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) today announced the appointment of Dr. Jean Baderschneider to its Board as a Non-Executive Director.

Dr. Baderschneider, a highly regarded leader in both business and civil society, brings extensive international experience in procurement, strategic sourcing and supply chain management along with a deep understanding of high-risk operations and locations and complex partnerships.

Announcing the appointment, Fortescue's Chairman Mr Andrew Forrest said "We are delighted to welcome Jean to Fortescue's Board of Directors. Her broad international experience and business acumen will be an extremely valuable addition to our Board. She joins a strong and diverse Board of Directors who all contribute a wealth of expertise to Fortescue."

With 35 years of experience, Dr. Baderschneider retired from ExxonMobil in 2013 where she was Vice-President, Global Procurement. She has been responsible for operations all over the world, including Africa, Middle East and Asia.

Dr. Baderschneider is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Supply Management and the Executive Board of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). She was a Presidential appointee to the US Department of Commerce's National Advisory Council of Minority Business Enterprises in February 2011. She is a past board member of The Center of Advanced Purchasing Studies (CAPS) and the Procurement Council of both The Conference Board and the Corporate Executive Board.

Dr. Baderschneider is a member of the Advisory Councils of President Lincoln's Cottage, a Historic Site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Ford's Theatre. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maret School in Washington, D.C, and of the Advisory Council of the ILR School at Cornell University and a longtime member of Cornell's President's Council of Cornell Women.

Dr. Baderschneider has a Masters degree from the University of Michigan and a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

Yours sincerely
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

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