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The Companies Officer  
Australian Stock Exchange  
Exchange Plaza  
2 The Esplanade  
Perth WA 6000



Dear Sir

**Fatal injury at Christmas Creek workshop**

Fortescue Metals Group Limited (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) advises that a 23-year-old contractor employee has died from fatal injuries he received in an accident in the heavy vehicle workshop at Christmas Creek Mine overnight.

The man and a workmate were undertaking maintenance work on a surface miner when the accident occurred. The man's workmate sustained leg injuries in the incident.

Fortescue has informed police and the Department of Mines and Petroleum and will assist with investigations into the accident, which are expected to start today.

The man's name has not yet been released by police. Fortescue chaplains and other counselling services are being made available to affected workmates and will be extended to family and friends. Fortescue has voluntarily initiated a temporary suspension of surface mining operations.

Fortescue Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said he was deeply saddened by the news.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones confronting the loss of a young life full of promise."

Yours sincerely  
**Fortescue Metals Group**

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