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

Dear Sir

**Distribution of US\$4.5 billion Senior Secured Credit Facility**

Fortescue Metals Group (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) is pleased to announce that Lead Arrangers Credit Suisse and JP Morgan have launched the distribution of the US\$4.5 billion Senior Secured Credit Facility (“the Facility”) into the US institutional term loan market.

The fully underwritten Facility was announced on September 18, 2012. The proceeds will be used to refinance all existing bank facilities, repayment of the Leucadia Loan Notes, and general corporate purposes.

Fortescue anticipates that the transaction will be closed by the end of October 2012, subject to among other factors, receipt of satisfactory pricing and market conditions.

Yours sincerely  
**Fortescue Metals Group Ltd**

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Company Secretary

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