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The Companies Officer  
ASX Limited  
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Dear Sir

**CORRECTION TO MEDIA COMMENTARY RE AWARD OF A MINING SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE SOLOMON PROJECT**

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) advises that comments made in today's Australian Financial Review regarding the award of a \$5 billion mining contract for the Solomon Project are incorrect.

Fortescue confirms that it is in discussions with shortlisted suppliers for the provision of mining services at its Solomon Project. Whilst the company fully intends to award a mining services contract, it is also progressing an owner operator alternative in the event that a satisfactory agreement is unable to be negotiated.

It is anticipated that the value of the Solomon mining contract will be in the order of \$3.6 billion over 5 years and a decision will be made in the coming weeks. Further information will be provided once a decision has been finalised.

Yours sincerely

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