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Dear Sir

Department of Mines and Petroleum clarification welcomed

Fortescue Metals Group Limited (ASX: FMGL, Fortescue) advises the Western Australian Government Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) has issued a statement on its website (www.dmp.wa.gov.au) clarifying published comments in the media relating to safety culture.

Fortescue Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said he welcomed the DMP's clarification of comments reported in Tuesday's press following the fatality of a 33-year-old man employed by a contractor in an accident in the Christmas Creek heavy vehicle workshop on Sunday, 29 December 2013.

Mr Power said safety was a core value at Fortescue and he believed the culture was strong. He reiterated the discussion about safety culture with DMP was in a very different context and related to certain smaller mining contractors and the efforts being made to ensure the Fortescue safety culture was being effectively cascaded and embedded within contracting partners' workforces.

Mr Power also welcomed DMP's clarification that assertions people who raised safety concerns were "victimised" as a result did not relate specifically to Fortescue.

Fortescue actively encourages team members to raise any safety concerns and any hard evidence that such concerns have been handled inappropriately should be raised with senior management to be dealt with.

He said Fortescue would thoroughly investigate the Christmas Creek workshop accident to determine any changes required to ensure similar incidents never occurred again. Fortescue is specifically reviewing safety isolation and lock out/tag out procedures around identified hazards.

The heavy vehicle workshop has today been released by the coroner and DMP safety inspectors and will now be brought back into service. Surface mining operations had resumed.

“We continue to offer our thoughts and prayers to family and loved ones and Fortescue is making counselling and chaplaincy services available to those affected by this tragic loss of a life,” Mr Power said.

The second fitter working on the surface miner when the accident occurred has been released from Royal Perth Hospital where he was treated for hand and leg injuries.

Yours sincerely

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