



18 February 2011

The Companies Officer
ASX Limited
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Perth WA 6000

Dear Sir

Correction to Record Date for Dividend Declared

Please find attached the relevant pages correcting the record date for the interim dividend declared today. The corrected record date for the dividend is 15 March 2011.

We have extended the time between announcement and record date to enable our shareholders to update their details with our Share Registry, in particular their Tax File Numbers and payment instructions.

Shareholders will receive a letter from Fortescue's Share Registry, Link Market Services, in the near future asking them to update their details.

Yours sincerely
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

Mark Thomas
Company Secretary

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT



18th February 2011

Fortescue reports significant increase in first half underlying EBITDA¹ to US\$1.3bn and declares maiden interim dividend of three cents per share

“The past six months have seen Fortescue take major steps in the realisation of its Pilbara vision. Strong production, board approval for new mining operations and expanded port and rail systems together with the refinance of the original project debt, lay the foundations for an exciting future. All this was done within a trading environment of strong demand for our product in a strengthening iron ore market – underpinning our expansion plans and enabling Fortescue to make a maiden dividend payment.”

Andrew Forrest, Chief Executive Officer

Key points

- Record underlying EBITDA of US\$1,316m from solid operations;
- Net profit after tax US\$314m (2009: US\$43m);
- Maiden interim dividend declared of three Australian cents per share, unfranked
- Board approves US\$8.4bn of expansion capex;
- Strong cash flow creates funding flexibility; and
- Strengthened balance sheet for future expansion

Financial Highlights

Key Performance Measures	1H2010 US\$m	1H2009 US\$m	Movement %
Total Revenue	2,533	1,184	+114
Underlying EBITDA	1,316 ¹	380	+246
Net profit after tax	314	43	+630
Cashflow from operations	911	329	+177
EPS before net refinancing costs (US cents) ²	26.42	0.95	>1,000
Cash flow per share (US cents)	29.45	7.24	+307

1. Reported EBITDA of US\$1,288m adjusted for US\$21m in FX variances and US\$7m for the Leucadia note revaluation

2. Basic earnings per share 10.16 US cents (1H2010) compared to 0.95 US cents (1H2009), an increase of 969 per cent

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Strong Operations - Underlying EBITDA of US\$1,316m

A major lift in revenues and underlying EBITDA was achieved through;

- Increased shipping volumes of Fortescue product reaching 20mt (1H2009: 18.6mt); and
- Strong market conditions during the six months to 31st December 2010. Fortescue's average selling price increased by 105 per cent to US\$138.50 per dmt.

Cost pressure was evident with an increase in C1 operating costs to US\$38.84 from:

- Significant appreciation of the Australian Dollar against the US Dollar; and
- Initial mining contractor mobilisation and ramp up costs at Christmas Creek.

Sound Financials – Increased cash reserves to US\$2.38bn

- Cash flow from operating activities increased to US\$911m and cash on hand increased to US\$2.38bn; and
- Cash outflows from investment activities were a net US\$545m. Of that total, US\$481m was for development and capital expenditure; up from US\$245m in the prior period.

Maiden Interim Dividend declared

- A milestone for Fortescue as the Board approves a maiden interim dividend of three cents (A\$) per share, unfranked (record date 15th March and payable 31st March);
- The declaration recognises the Directors' confidence in Fortescue's underlying operating strength and future cash flow; and
- The implementation of a prudent and sustainable dividend policy will reward shareholders now and in future while still providing a platform for strong growth.

Post period weather events

- Sustained wet weather across the Chichester Hub during January and February 2011 has impacted production at both of Fortescue's mines (Cloudbreak and Christmas Creek);
- Weather systems and cyclone alerts periodically affected operations at Port Hedland in early 2011; and
- Every effort is being made to maximise throughput in the remainder of the quarter, however, the combined effect of these weather events may result in a revised production figure for the March Quarter 2011 of between 9 to 9.5 million tonnes.

"Fortescue's strong financial performance is a fantastic result for our company and our shareholders. The cashflow and balance sheet provides a great springboard for our expansion from 55mtpa to 155mtpa. The maiden dividend is an important step in the company's maturity and will form an integral part of managing a prudent, long term capital structure."

Stephen Pearce, Chief Financial Officer

Appendix 4D
Half Year Financial Statements
 For the half year ended 31 December 2010



Fortescue Metals Group Ltd

ABN 57 002 594 872

Results for announcement to the market

	2009 US\$'000	2010 US\$'000	Movement %
Revenue from ordinary activities	1,183,682	2,532,942	Up 114%
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	43,155	314,123	Up 628%
Net profit for the half year attributable to members	43,155	314,123	Up 628%

Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Proposed dividend in relation to this period	A\$0.03	nil
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend	15 th March 2011	

Fortescue does not operate a dividend reinvestment plan.

NTA Backing	31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2010
Net tangible asset backing per share	US\$0.29	US\$0.52

Fortescue holds interests in the following joint ventures	Interest %
Glacier Valley Iron Ore Project	99%
Nullagine Iron Ore joint venture	50%
Pilbara Iron Ore Pty Limited	50%

Previous Corresponding Period

The previous corresponding period is the half-year ended 31st December 2009.

Commentary on Results for the Period

A commentary on the results for the period is contained within the half-year financial statements.

It is recommended that the half-year financial statements are read in conjunction with the Annual Financial Report of Fortescue Metals Group Limited as at 30 June 2010 together with any announcements made by Fortescue in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations arising under the Corporations Act 2001.