

Media Release



Roebourne VTEC Graduation

PERTH, 29th September 2011: Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) is pleased to announce 13 Aboriginal people from Roebourne have graduated from its Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC).

The trainees completed the Certificate II in Surface Extractions Operations which was delivered by Pilbara TAFE's Minurmarghali Mia Campus.

Of the 13 trainees, 10 are starting work at Cloudbreak in operation roles on October 5th and three will take up construction roles at the Solomon Hub over the next few weeks.

"The graduation of these 13 new Fortescue employees is the first of many and, together with Fortescue's plan to establish a VTEC office in Roebourne, shows our ongoing commitment to this town," Group Manager Approvals and Government Relations Deidre Willmott said after attending the celebration in Roebourne.

"We firmly believe training and a guaranteed job is the answer to ending Indigenous disparity. Getting a job and earning a living is the key to individual empowerment the benefits will flow through the whole community.

"This program would not exist without important partners including Pilbara TAFE and Job Services Australia providers Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation and ITEC Employment. Collaboration is essential in the Pilbara to deliver training leading to long-term sustainable employment," Ms Willmott said.

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