

Media Release



Fortescue donates \$50,000 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service

PERTH, 18th October 2011: Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) is very pleased to announce a \$50,000 donation to Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

The RFDS delivers essential, first class medical and health services to people in rural and remote areas across Australia and Fortescue is proud to be able to offer support to an Australian icon.

"The RFDS provides a vital service to remote Australia and holds a very special place in the hearts of all of us here at Fortescue as we work on remote sites throughout the Pilbara," Fortescue Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said.

"This donation is raised through the collection and sale of worn tools, scrap metal, used batteries, cardboard and waste paper from our operations and exploration sites. Essentially, the donation comes from the Fortescue team as it is their actions which have funded it."

The RFDS, established in 1928, helps almost 300,000 people and flies more than 25 million kilometres every year.

Mr Power handed over the \$50,000 cheque to RFDS Western Operations Chief Executive Officer Grahame Marshall during a ceremony this morning at Fortescue's offices in Perth.

Mr Marshall said RFDS operational staff in Western Australia had a long standing relationship with employees at Fortescue sites in the Pilbara and were delighted to hear that the Fortescue team had been hard at work helping the environment and, by doing so, raising funds to support the work of the RFDS.

"I hope that this wonderfully generous donation will herald the development of an on-going fundraising partnership for the benefit of all who rely on the RFDS to be there for everyone who lives, works and travels in our vast rural and remote areas," Mr Marshall said.

For photos of Mr Power making the donation to Mr Marshall please contact Elizabeth Gosch.

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