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Fortescue congratulates the Federal Government on its VTEC success

South Hedland, 6 October 2016: Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) has celebrated the graduation of five trainees from its Vocational Training and Employment Centre (VTEC) in South Hedland, building on the training and employment of 84 Aboriginal people graduating during FY16.

Fortescue's VTEC is based on the simple premise of a guaranteed job after successfully completing training with the program, also providing personal and family support for every participant.

In 2014, the Federal Government committed to building a national VTEC network, based on Fortescue's model, and through the centres support 5000 job opportunities for Aboriginal people.

Fortescue's Chief Executive Officer, Nev Power congratulated the Federal Government on reaching its Aboriginal employment target through their VTEC initiative.

"The success of the VTEC model for Fortescue and the Australian Government shows the value of linking education and employment for Aboriginal people. This approach has been far more successful than replacing government welfare with mining royalty welfare," Mr Power said.

"VTEC has been at the heart of our approach to Aboriginal engagement for nearly a decade, as we meet our commitment to create economic opportunities for Aboriginal people through education, jobs and business development," Mr Power said.

Having successfully completed VTEC, the recent trainees will go on to Fortescue's Christmas Creek mine site. On site, they will continue to receive mentoring and support from Fortescue's Aboriginal Development Coordinators dedicated to helping each graduate succeed and thrive in their career.

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