

5 August 2021

The Companies Officer  
Australian Securities Exchange Ltd  
Level 40, Central Park  
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Dear Madam or Sir

**UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19**

The Western Australian Department of Health yesterday advised Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG) that a maintenance contractor who was at the Cloudbreak mine site from Tuesday 20 July to Tuesday 27 July 2021 returned a weak positive test result for COVID-19.

It is understood that the contractor has previously had COVID-19 and is not believed to have been infectious during this period. The Department of Health has advised that the contractor has subsequently returned a negative test result.

Fortescue has been working closely with the Department of Health to identify close and casual contacts who had been at Cloudbreak during that period and/or had been at the Perth Airport on the dates, times and at the terminals identified by the Department of Health as exposure sites. Fortescue is following all guidelines for identified contacts to undertake COVID-19 testing and the relevant isolation requirements.

As at 12:00pm, 5 August 2021, over 1,200 PCR tests and 850 rapid antigen tests have been completed across Fortescue's operational sites. Everyone who has had a rapid antigen test has also been PCR tested. All rapid antigen tests have returned negative results and results are pending for the PCR tests, which are processed in Perth.

Fortescue has suspended certain operations whilst the testing has been conducted, with full operations expected to be returned by the end of today at the Cloudbreak mine site and across our operations, subject to the completion of the testing program. This is not expected to have any impact on Fortescue's shipments.

Fortescue Chief Executive Officer, Elizabeth Gaines said, "The safety of all our team members, their families and our local communities is our highest priority. We have robust COVID-19 management protocols in place and are taking every precaution to ensure COVID-19 does not impact our operations.

"Our Incident Management Team has worked effectively to assist with contact tracing efforts and our decision to invest in rapid antigen testing has allowed us to immediately test our team members.

"We believe that vaccination is the key to protecting our workforce and have encouraged all our team members to receive a vaccine in line with current directions from the Federal Government.

“I sincerely thank the entire Fortescue team for their ongoing commitment at this time, which has ensured that there has been no impact to our operational performance despite the need to test large numbers of people. The support our teammates are providing to each other at this time is a true demonstration of our Values in action,” Ms Gaines said.

Yours sincerely  
**Fortescue Metals Group Ltd**

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