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Dear Sir

Second Train Unloader at Port Hedland

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) today celebrated first ore through the company's second train unloader in Port Hedland.

The train unloader is a key component of Fortescue's expansion of Herb Elliott Port, which will support an increase in tonnes from the Cloud Break and Christmas Creek mines and the new Solomon mine currently under construction. It's a major milestone that will match Fortescue's train unloading capacity with the existing shiploading capacity.

The commissioning of the train unloader increases Fortescue's port infrastructure capacity to 115mtpa.

Fortescue Chief Executive Officer Nev Power said this milestone demonstrates Fortescue's commitment to its expansion in the Pilbara. "We're commissioning the second train unloader and in only a few weeks our new ore processing facility at Christmas Creek comes on line to deliver a combined capacity of 95mtpa at the Cloud Break and Christmas Creek mines," Mr Power said.

The expansion of Christmas Creek mine combined with the development of the low-cost Firetail deposit at the Solomon mine and port and rail projects, are expected to lift Fortescue's production capacity to 115mtpa by March 2013.

Yours sincerely
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