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ROY HILL REACHES FIRST SHIPMENT MILESTONE

Today, I congratulate the Roy Hill Project team on its first shipment of iron ore departing from Western Australia.

The \$11 billion project, located in the eastern Pilbara, started construction in 2014 and represents the largest ever private, land-based mining and infrastructure project anywhere in the world.

In addition to developing mining and processing facilities, the project has also created an independently owned and operated 344km heavy rail line and port facility located south of Port Hedland.

During its construction phase, the project provided around 5,000 jobs on site at any one time and when in full operation, it will employ around 2,000 people.

The project provides further certainty for Australia's iron ore exports, with an expected 17 year initial life span, and a possible further 12 year extension.

This shipment will be the first of many, with the mine expected to produce 55 million tonnes of iron ore a year from a total mining resource of 2.4 billion tonnes. At its peak, Roy Hill will be Australia's fourth largest iron ore producer and account for more than seven per cent of Australia's iron ore exports, making a substantial contribution to Australia retaining its position as the world's largest iron ore exporter.

Today's shipment milestone is another sign of the continued strength of Australia's mining sector.

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