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## New pink trucks raising awareness of breast cancer

Roy Hill has launched more pink trucks at its mining operations in Western Australia's Pilbara region as part of its ongoing support of breast cancer research and patients and increasing opportunities for women in mining.

Executive Chairman, Mrs Gina Rinehart, personally welcomed *Paspaley, Noela, Joy, Luisa* and *Imants & Andra* to the fleet of 21 pink trucks already in operation. Each truck was named after individuals who are significant to Mrs Rinehart and Roy Hill.

*Luisa* was named in honour of Roy Hill employee Luisa Condello who bravely fought and won her battle with cancer. Mrs Condello was diagnosed with breast cancer when aged 30 years. At the time, she was a mother of two young children both aged under five years, and the thought of not seeing them grow up and missing all the special milestones was the driving force behind her resilience.

"When I heard the diagnosis, I was so shocked. It was so unexpected," she said.

"I found the lump on a Friday and by the Monday I was told by the doctor that it wasn't good news. The thought of telling my parents and coming to terms with my own mortality meant facing up to the demons that I never expected to see at such an early age.

"From that point on, and for the next several years, I had to be strong for my boys. I found an inner strength because I had to survive for them."

Regarding the truck naming, Mrs Condello said she felt fortunate to share the occasion with her family.

"When I was told that I would have one of the Roy Hill pink trucks named after me, I felt so overwhelmed. I had tears in my eyes," she said.

"It is such a privilege and I would like to thank Mrs Rinehart for honouring me with this."

A former Roy Hill executive, Imants Kins, who left his employment to help his wife Andra battle breast cancer, was also deeply touched to have a pink truck named after them. It signified the importance of a partnership approach towards fighting this disease.

Mrs Rinehart, who was joined by several other cancer survivors, expressed her wish to work towards a cancer-free world.

"We believe that we are the only mining company in the world who has a pink truck fleet. We hope that other members of the mining and related industries will emulate our fundraising, where we have matched our staff's contributions dollar for dollar," Mrs Rinehart said.

"It is our hope that through these initiatives, we will be joined by others to work towards fighting this disease and creating a better world with more understanding of, and sympathy and support for, cancer patients and drive towards a more urgent goal to eradicate this terrible disease."

"As well as fundraising, Roy Hill also supports and participates in a range of programs and campaigns throughout the year. We hope that these initiatives will draw much needed attention and assistance towards fighting a disease that impacts too many Australians and their loved ones."

Roy Hill Chief Operating Officer, Sanjiv Manchanda, reiterated the company's commitment to pink trucks and helping breast cancer.

"I am so proud to be attending our third pink truck naming ceremony. The launch of these latest pink trucks is testament to our commitment to raising funds for breast cancer research, and towards assisting breast cancer related patients," he said.

"Roy Hill not only has a female Chairman but also one of the highest percentages of female employees in the mining industry. We are proud of this, and that our mega project and our staff are leading these breast cancer initiatives in the mining industry. We hope that other mining companies will join us soon."

Mrs Rinehart launched Australia's first breast cancer foundation in the early 1990s and is a long-standing supporter of cancer research and support initiatives.

One of the pink trucks, is named after a very special lady and friend of Mrs Rinehart, Noela Shepherd. Noela was unable to personally attend the ceremony, but prepared a statement to be read out, which was read out by her daughter, Melissa.

*"Mrs Rinehart, special guests, ladies and gentlemen, what a privilege this is for me. I was the Executive Director of the Hancock Family Breast Cancer Foundation Inc, which was established in 1993.*

*It was a slim and very efficient organisation, being Mrs Rinehart and I, except that the hours Mrs Rinehart had to work on the foundation were usually between 3am and 5am and around midnight! We certainly were busy, with many functions, fantastic New Year's Eves, Mother's Day, and many more, with great speakers including from overseas.*

*Mrs Rinehart achieved the then first for Australia national breast cancer day, which we launched, with Anglican Church services around Australia, we toured Australia together repeatedly on a determined mission to help breast cancer, including launching a sister foundation in Queensland.*

*I remember clearly the indignant comment of one State Director of the Cancer Foundation during discussions with him - he said, "Women have free mammograms, what more do you want?" At that time, free mammograms only covered from above 50 years age, on medical advice this age needed to be lowered, so we petitioned and campaigned to lower this age limit.*

*I was invited to address a Women's Health Forum at Karratha, funded by the local council. It was to encourage women to access the mobile mammography clinic, but there was one proviso, that the word breast was not to be mentioned. I ignored this request and had the women shout BREASTS several times before we began. It is almost inconceivable that such an attitude existed.*

*When the Foundation sponsored Professor John Forbes to visit all state capitals to conduct best practice seminars with doctors, it helped to bring breast surgery from the dark ages into the modern era.*

*I am indebted to my brilliant medical team and my husband Mike, who must be the best carer in the world.*

*Mrs Rinehart continues to beat the drum loudly for breast cancer. She is not only my friend, but a generous and great Australian who deserves your continued support. Thank you."*

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**About Roy Hill**

Roy Hill is a world-class, mega project, which in a few weeks will become the largest single ore mine in Australia, and one of the largest mining operations in the world.

Situated approximately 340 kilometres south east of Port Hedland in West Australia, Roy Hill is a low phosphorus, Marra Mamba iron ore deposit located in the Pilbara – close to Asia and in one of the world's premier iron ore provinces. Roy Hill is an independent iron ore operation with West Australian majority ownership, chaired by an Australian, Mrs Gina Rinehart.

With integrated mine, rail and port facilities, which has the capacity to deliver 55Mtpa – Roy Hill is one of the world's major resource based operations, which will deliver enormous benefits to the broader community for many years to come.

Roy Hill's first shipment of iron ore departed from Port Hedland on 10 December 2015 and has since loaded multiple shipments to its key markets in Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan. Roy Hill achieved many firsts, including for its largely Greenfield project, the largest mainland resource debt funding in the world, from 19 of the world's largest banks, and five Export Credit Agencies.

Roy Hill operates some of the largest equipment in the world and in addition to having the fastest ramp up to 55Mtpa in the Pilbara, has maintained a focus on safety excellence.

In December 2015, Mrs Rinehart was recognised as Miner of the Decade by the Sydney Mining Club, in addition to many other awards, including the Australian ones, CEO Magazines, CEO of the Year award, and the Chairman of the Year award, twice.

In addition, Roy Hill has been presented with a range of awards, including:

- 2017 Platts Global Metals Awards Rising Star Company Award
- 2016 Australian Mining Prospect Awards Excellence in Environmental Management Award
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence - Engineering Distinction Award
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence Award - Resource Development
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence Award - Project Management
- 2016 Project Management Institute Project of the Year
- 2016 Railway Technical Society of Australasia Railway Project Award
- 2015 Mines & Money Asian Corporate Development Award
- 2015 IJ Global Asia-Pacific Project Mining & Metals Deal of the Year
- 2015 IJ Global Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2014 FinanceAsia Magazine Project Finance Deal of the Year Award
- 2014 Finance International Magazine Asia Pacific Deal of the Year
- 2012 Diggers and Dealers Deal of the Year Award