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Roy Hill Appoints Chief Operating Officer

Roy Hill has appointed Gerhard Veldsman to the role of Chief Operating Officer at Roy Hill.

Gerhard joins Roy Hill from Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) where he was most recently Executive General Manager for FMG's Pilbara Operations, promoted from the position General Manager Iron Ore Projects.

On the appointment, Roy Hill CEO Barry Fitzgerald said "The Roy Hill Board and I are delighted to welcome Gerhard to Roy Hill. Gerhard's extensive industry experience and strong track record in the management of expansion projects and mining operations more broadly complements our leadership team's vision to continually improve and optimise our operations".

Gerhard has extensive mining industry experience spanning various commodities and operations in Australia and South Africa. Gerhard has a Bachelor of Engineering (Mech), a Master of Engineering (Mech), and is registered as a Professional Engineer in South Africa.

Roy Hill CEO Barry Fitzgerald added, "I look forward welcoming Gerhard to the team and his contribution in leading our operations, especially as we ramp up to 60 million tonnes per annum".

Gerhard will be commencing with Roy Hill on 5 August 2019.

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About Roy Hill

[Roy Hill](#) is a world-class iron ore operation and the largest single ore mine in Australia.

Situated 344km south east of Port Hedland in Western Australia's mineral rich Pilbara region, Roy Hill is an independent iron ore operation with local majority ownership and chaired by Mrs Gina Rinehart.

With integrated mine, rail and port facilities producing 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 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. She has also been awarded "Chairman of the Year" by CEO Magazine.

Roy Hill has been presented with a range of accolades, including:

- 2018 WA Training Awards WA Employer of the Year
- 2018 Prospect Award for Community Interaction
- 2018 L&MH Mercury Awards Transport Solution of the Year: Rail
- 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 in Engineering Distinction
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in Resource Development
- 2016 Engineers Australia (WA) Australian Engineering Excellence in 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