



Roy Hill Wins Excellence in Environmental Management Award

Roy Hill is pleased to announce that its \$10 billion mega-iron ore project in West Australia's Pilbara region is the proud recipient of the Australian Mining Prospect Awards Excellence in Environmental Management Award, which was presented at a Gala Dinner in Sydney this evening.

The award was accepted by Sophie Mirabella, General Manager Government and Media Relations, Hancock Prospecting on behalf of Hancock Prospecting and Roy Hill Holdings, Chairman, Mrs Gina Rinehart and Roy Hill Holdings, CEO, Mr Barry Fitzgerald, and the Roy Hill executives.

In her acceptance speech, Ms Mirabella expressed sincere appreciation and thanks for the recognition of Roy Hill's achievements in ensuring the environmental impact of the construction of the mega Roy Hill Project was effectively managed and minimised.

"Due to the size of the Roy Hill Project thousands of approvals and permits had to be worked towards, and numerous environmental management initiatives were necessary," she said.

Ms Mirabella added that it was an exciting time as Roy Hill ramps up production to achieve its 55 million tonnes per annum production capacity target, which will cement Roy Hill as a key figure in the delivery of iron ore to the world market.

Speaking after the award win, Mr Fitzgerald said, "By any measure, the scale and complexity of the Roy Hill Project is extraordinary. It's firsts in the industry, quite extraordinary, including for its mega financing arrangements with 11 of the largest banks in the world, 19 major banks in total, and 5 Export Credit Agencies, and, further, utilising some of the largest mining equipment in the world."

"No resource development project of this type could have been delivered so successfully, without a carefully planned and coordinated effort to deliver an environmental management plan that has effectively mitigated the impact on the local environment from the conception phase, continuing right through to commissioning and into operations."

"The innovative environmental initiatives that were implemented during the construction of Roy Hill, such as the above-ground traveller methodology used to minimise the impact on mangroves areas at the Port during construction of the overland conveyor used to deliver ore to the shiploader, is a credit to the entire team at Roy Hill and our contractors."

"This innovative approach delivered an 85% reduction to the amount of mangroves that were allocated and approved to be cleared by the EPA," Mr Fitzgerald added.

Other environmental initiatives that captured the attention of the judging panel were:

- An SMS and email dust alert system implemented to minimise community impact in Port Hedland. The alerts notify Roy Hill within minutes if high dust concentrations are detected, allowing for prompt action to minimise dust generated from Roy Hill's ore handling facility. Roy Hill is also implementing a dust dispersion modelling forecast system to allow port operations to plan mitigation actions prior to adverse weather.
- A fauna survey, trapping and translocation program designed to mitigate construction impacts on significant and endangered fauna such as the Mulgara, Bilby and Northern Quoll. During construction of the rail alone, 13,576ha of fauna surveys were completed.

Ms Susannah Beech, Manager Environment, noted that "It was a highly commendable achievement to have completed construction of Roy Hill's Port infrastructure with significantly fewer total impacts to mangroves and the wider environment than allowed under environmental approvals."

“Roy Hill has also gone above and beyond regulatory compliance in its ongoing monitoring program,” he added.

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Acceptance Speech by Ms Sophie Mirabella

On behalf of the Chairman, Mrs Rinehart and the CEO, Barry Fitzgerald, and staff of Roy Hill, I thank you for this award and the sponsor, Metso, for their support.

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The three that are relevant to this award are:

1. The minimisation of impact to mangroves at the Port. The overland conveyor was built using an innovative above-ground traveller methodology, that once completed is saving 85% of the mangrove clearing allocation approved by the EPA.
2. The second initiative is the SMS/email dust alert system implemented by Roy Hill to minimise community impact. The alerts notify Roy Hill of dust concentrations within minutes, allowing for prompt action in case dust is being generated from the ore handling facility. Roy Hill is also implementing a dust dispersion modelling forecast system to allow port operations to plan mitigation actions prior to adverse weather.
3. The final initiative is the survey, trapping and translocation program to mitigate construction impacts on significant fauna. During construction of the rail alone, 13,576ha of fauna surveys were completed.

Thank you again. I know this means so much to the team at Roy Hill.

About Roy Hill Holdings Pty Ltd

Roy Hill is a landmark mining operation and one of the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Australia.

Situated approximately 115 kilometres north of Newman, West Australia, Roy Hill is a world-class, low phosphorus, Marra Mamba iron ore deposit located in the Pilbara – one of the world’s premier iron ore provinces – and the only independent iron ore company with West Australian majority ownership.

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

Roy Hill’s first shipment of iron ore departed from Port Hedland on 10 December 2015.

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